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- Waste Management of WV, Inc.
- WV American Water Co.
- WV Cable Telecommunications Association
- WV Oil & Natural Gas Assoc.

Re: Docket #07-0508-E-CN

Dear Ms. Squire,

The news that a settlement agreement has been reached on the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL) project between the WV Consumer Advocate Division, WV Energy Users Group, the Staff of the West Virginia Public Service Commission, and TrAILCo is welcome indeed. It is a positive step in strengthening the energy infrastructure in West Virginia and in the eastern United States.

The Utilities, Telecommunications & Energy Coalition (UTEC) supports the construction of the TrAIL project and we urge the West Virginia Public Service Commission to approve the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity application submitted by TrAILCo.

Members of UTEC know first hand how very difficult and unpopular infrastructure projects can be. These projects are often met with stiff public opposition despite the overwhelming evidence that infrastructure projects are needed to meet energy demands now and in the near future. We believe that a strong, reliable energy infrastructure is essential to our economy, our daily lives and to public health and safety.

We also believe that approval of this project will create hundreds of jobs, additional tax revenues to the state and, most importantly, help stabilize the aging electric transmission grid. Again, we ask you to approve the application submitted by TrAILCo and we thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the members of UTEC,

Sam Cipoletti
Chairman

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