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Thomas H. Graham, Region President  
Pepeco Holdings, Inc.  
Corporate Headquarters  
701 Ninth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20068

Dear Mr. Graham:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Management Board and the Soil Conservation District, I am writing to express our concerns about the proposed power line corridor for the Mid Atlantic Power Pathway project. It is our understanding that the final decisions have not been made to date and hope that you will consider the following when looking for a suitable path.

1. The Agriculture and Forestry industries are an integral part of our economy and the number one industry in the County and State. For this reason as well as to protect the County's wildlife habitat we strongly oppose any path that disturbs or fragments contiguous blocks of cropland and forestland.
2. Dorchester County is the number one County in the state to be impacted by sea level rise and has an extraordinary amount of wetlands and sensitive areas that need to be avoided.
3. When traveling through southern Dorchester County you can get lost in the views, not believing that you are still in Maryland. These views should be preserved and not disturbed with excessively tall towers.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council's Office at (410) 228-1700.

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

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