



West Virginians for Reliable Energy

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- West Virginians for Reliable Energy is a statewide coalition committed to educating West Virginia citizens and policy leaders on the need for an improved electric transmission infrastructure in our region.
- The coalition's membership is comprised of more than 90 businesses, labor organizations and trade associations from around the state and includes such members as the West Virginia Building & Construction Trades Council, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, The West Virginia ACT Foundation, the West Virginia Business & Industry Council and numerous individual businesses and union locals.
- Like highways and water, gas and phone lines, our electric transmission system is critical infrastructure that helps maintain our way of life and our national security.
- Most of our nation's transmission infrastructure was built in the 1950's and 60's. And while electric demand is down right now, we are slowly emerging from one of the worst economic situations in our lifetimes. Energy efficiencies must be an important part of our future, but we cannot rely on this alone to help solve our electric infrastructure problems. We must start now to plan for our future.
- President Barack Obama recognizes the need for transmission expansion and improvements to meet the need for renewable energy production and future SMART Grid technologies to enhance conservation efforts.
- Electrical transmission is not just a local or state issue. It is a regional concern. Like a series of dominoes falling, electrical outages – in the case of a main transmission line failure – impact everyone on the grid. Conversely, improvements to our transmission infrastructure offer the potential for energy independence, energy security, jobs and increased tax revenues.
- Ongoing projects in our area include the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL), which is currently under construction, and the Potomac Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH).
- Please join our coalition and help us ensure a reliable, safe, energy independent state and nation for generations to come. Visit www.wvforreliableenergy.com for more information.

