

## WEST VIRGINIANS FOR RELIABLE POWER



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While people seem to understand the need to develop our road, water and sewer infrastructure, we often take electricity and its delivery system for granted. As just one example, Fantasia Broadcasting wouldn't be able to broadcast the news, music and community announcements – not to mention employing the people who bring it to you – without access to a reliable and abundant source of electricity.

With energy demand projected to only increase into the future and with our current electric system aging, national experts have called for new power lines to be built in our region. Projects such as the recently approved Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL) and the proposed Potomac Allegheny Transmission Highline (PATH), will update and enhance the reliability of our region's electric system.

In addition to improved reliability, these types of projects can economically benefit West Virginia. Allegheny Energy locating its regional transmission operation headquarters in Fairmont, and the jobs and taxes that brings to North Central West Virginia, is just one example.

As an energy state, West Virginia is well positioned to both help meet the need for an improved power grid for the region and to participate in the economic benefits as well.

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