



West Virginians

for Reliable Power

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West Virginians for Reliable Power Applaud PSC TrAIL Ruling

Charleston, WV (August 2, 2008) – West Virginians for Reliable Power, a diverse coalition of West Virginia businesses, labor representatives and trade associations working to educate the marketplace on the need and benefits of transmission infrastructure improvements, called Friday's Public Service Commission's ruling on the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL) a positive step towards ensuring reliability and security in the region's electric grid.

Bill Raney, President of the West Virginia Coal Association, said, "The TrAIL ruling is truly significant. This initiative will help the region meet current and future electricity demand, create and retain jobs and enhance our energy independence and security. We will need to utilize all sources of energy – coal, gas and renewable resources – to meet future demand and TrAIL will help distribute this needed power onto the electric grid."

Roy Smith, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia State Building & Construction Trades Council, said, "The jobs associated with the construction of a power line are just the tip of the iceberg. These types of projects create a ripple effect throughout the state's economy. More transmission capacity allows us to generate more electricity. This will be beneficial for West Virginia."

Jan Vineyard, Chairwoman of the West Virginia Business & Industry Council, said, "Transmission lines are a critical piece of infrastructure – like highways, bridges, gas lines and water lines – helping to propel our economy and maintain our standard of living. TrAIL will help protect against the negative cost impacts to businesses and residents caused by power outages."

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