

SAMPLE LETTER

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Dear Sir,

As a resident of _____, New York, I am writing to register my opposition to New York Regional Interconnect, Inc.'s proposed 200-mile-long, 400-kilovolt electric transmission line project.

I oppose the NYRI transmission line project as it:

- would degrade environmentally sensitive wetlands and wildlife habitats;
- will require acquisition of private property – most likely by eminent domain;
- will create higher electric rates for all Upstate New Yorkers;
- raises potentially dangerous health questions;
- requires construction of 100 plus-foot-tall steel towers every 800 feet on unspoiled countryside;
- poses a danger to farm fields and the animals grazing on them;
- will destructively slice through and effectively obliterate many towns;
- undermines energy conservation efforts;
- does major damage to efforts to grow local tourism.

Further, I oppose NYRI's application for certification. The main points for my opposition follow:

- (1) NYRI is the wrong company to run a transmission line in New York state, as they have withheld information, and been condescending to property owners and local officials in their public information meetings.
- (2) Its chosen routes will be destructive to homes, businesses, land, fragile ecologies, and the Upstate economy.
- (4) Other alternatives for supplying energy for downstate must be exhaustively researched.
- (5) NYRI's Article VII Application filing is incomplete, as they've failed to fulfill the PSC's requirement that it study many routes and choose the best.

I urge you to demand that NYRI, before being considered for a permit, submit complete environmental, historical and economic impact reports.

NYRI's proposed 400-kilovolt power transmission line is a lose/lose proposition for residents and businesses all along the 200-mile-long route, and all of New York State. There are no benefits to the areas which will be most harshly affected. These areas have been hard hit in recent years with loss of jobs and population decline. We have been working very hard to preserve and promote our biggest assets – the safety, tranquility and beauty of our rural environments. This project would be devastating to our economy and environment.

Please do whatever you can to put a stop to this proposed project. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Name

Address

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