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Scores of people in my area are opposed to the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors (NIETC's) for the following reasons:

First, the easements place an undo burden on landowners on and near the transmission lines. The compensation cannot begin to cover the all of the losses, tangible and intangible that landowners would suffer. The easements prevent the landowner from using the land as they intended but only purport to compensate for the actual square footage where the lines would run.

Second, condemning private property for transmission lines in one state to transport electricity to another is a violation of property rights since it would not significantly benefit the residents of the pass-through states.

Third, the eastern states should develop the utility scale wind resources conveniently located just a few miles off-shore near the load centers along the eastern seaboard, thus eliminating hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private, productive farmland and forest.

Fourth, renewable energy ought to be injected into the grid and used within the regions it is produced. The regional economies will benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it to other regions. Each region is highly capable of producing its own renewable energy, and it is inconvenient and unnecessary as well detrimental to transport electricity long distances.

Finally, I believe that NIETC's are a gross violation of state's right to regulate transmission lines.

I urge you to consider these reasons and please do not establish any National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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