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2491 Cedar Hill Drive
Richmond, KY 40475

East Kentucky Power,

My brothers and I own the farm at the corner of Sugar Creek Pike and U. S. 27 (1234 Lexington Road) one mile north of Lancaster, Kentucky. As you view the property from the aerial photographs from your web site, and as you view the property facing east (the front of the property), it is already obvious that a power line dissects the property from north to south. In asking family members, that power line has been present on the property from the 1920's.

Now, your company proposes another power line which will bisect this 97 acre property from east to west, essentially dividing this acreage into four quadrants, defined by power lines. The line you propose will be twice as large as the line put in 80 years ago, with twice the right of way.

I understand the need for electric power for future generations and I understand the need for future utility planning. What I do not understand or accept is the purposeful destruction of this land in value, both aesthetically and monetarily. This property has been in our family for one hundred years. We are the third generation of Lane family descendants to own the property. We have farmed this land. We have enjoyed this property all of our lives. We have plans intact to pass this property on to the next generation. Due to the close proximity of this property to the town of Lancaster, we have to be realistic in the knowledge that we or our children may desire to subdivide the property into lots for homes. Lexington is growing, Nicholasville is growing. In less than twenty five years, we predict that this land would be most desirable for a growing Lancaster as well. With your decision to transverse this land once again with power lines in a perpendicular swath, you have essentially devalued this property immensely and destroyed any chance of desirability for future subdivision or for current farming practices. Therefore, the property will be immediately devalued. In addition, our 150 year old barn is in danger of demolition as it appears to be in the 150 foot right of way.

I make two requests. First, evaluate the entire length of this proposed line. Determine if any other properties will be completely divided into quadrants by power lines. If they are, I request that you rethink this practice. Secondly, I request that the property be avoided altogether. This is too much of a financial penalty for any one farm to bear. If no other route is possible, at least run the line along the perimeter of the existing property to the south or north. This would have the least effect.

Respectfully,



Sheila Kirby Miller