

BUTLER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

The following letter includes a resolution adopted by the Butler County Conservation District at the August board meeting. The Butler County Conservation Board consists of the following local farmers and landowners; R. Forest Taylor, Shane Wells, Darren Rice, David Newton, Boyd Penrod, Johnny Parrish, and Russell Givens. This letter is written with concern about the Wilson-Aberdeen-Morgantown segment of transmission lines, case number 2005-00207. A similar resolution was originally submitted and accepted at the 2005 KACD Convention by the Jefferson County Conservation District.

Whereas, utility companies are proposing construction of transmission lines of 161 kilovolts requiring easements located in areas of the state of Kentucky which have significant impact on agriculture production. The Electronic Magnetic Fields (EMF's) have serious consequences on the health and production of livestock enterprises.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Butler County Conservation District request the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) to consider in their deliberations the negative effects of granting easement decisions. Some of these negative effects include an adverse impact on acquisition of prime agriculture farmland, their field patterns, acreage configuration, types of farms, and to minimize the inconvenience of farming operations.

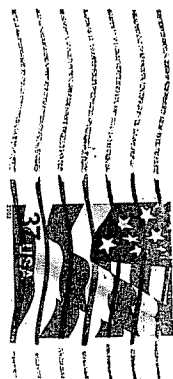
The Butler County Conservation District requests the Public Service Commission to require utility companies to explore ALL alternatives to the construction of new transmission lines, asking PSC to require utility companies provide a certificate of need justifying why they cannot use existing transmission lines and easements to avoid loss of land in current agriculture production. The land and its historical past are adversely affected by NEW transmission line construction.

Sincerely,



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