



LTLA MEMBER National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Fact Sheet

What: On May 8th, The US Department of Energy (DOE) released a preliminary list of potential National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors, and initiated Phase Two of the Designation Process. This Phase is entitled “Preliminary List and Public Comments”. The proposed Western Loudoun line was included in the Mid-Atlantic region. The reasoning behind this can be found on page 18 and 19 of the “Initiation of Phase 2 of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Designation Process: Preliminary List of Potential NIETCs”. Appendix D: Potential NIETC Maps- Mid Atlantic has maps that can be helpful in putting together commentary. These are between pages 54-56.

When are Public Comments Due By: Public comments are due to the Department of Energy by **5pm ET on June 24, 2024**. This marks the end of the public comment period for Phase Two.

Who to Send Public Comments to: Public comments can be sent to NIETC@hq.doe.gov.

What is the LTLA’s Position: The LTLA disapproves of the Department of Energy’s decision to include Loudoun in the NIETC Designation. “While we understand the need for power in a growing area such as Loudoun and Northern Virginia, we do not believe that it should come at the expense of the community, local businesses, agriculture, conservation, and preservation. Denoting Loudoun a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor would meet the power needs of a few while endangering the future of an entire region.”

We are asking that all of our member organizations and people submit public comments during the public comment period. During that time, the LTLA will submit a version of our Impact Report that shows a clear view of local impacts on Rural Loudoun for their consideration.

What to Say: Please go into how this would impact you and/or your organization’s mission and goals. The Department of Energy has listed that one of the things to share public comments about is “potential impact on environmental, community, and other resources within the potential NIETCs.” Please make sure to include the “Mid-Atlantic Region” or other geographic denotations in your public comments.



To sound as a unit, common talking points can be pulled from the Declaration and the LTLA Public Statement on the NIETC Designation (both of which can be found on the website). Below are some examples:

- **Call for use of existing right-of-ways to minimize impact.**
 - “...in view of the negative impact of such construction on the agricultural community, local economy, heritage and natural resources, and residents of the region.” (Declaration)
- Supporting the power needs of a few while endangering the future of an entire region

The LTLA Website also has tips and tricks for the public in writing public comments that might also be helpful for member organizations. For more support in writing a public comment, please reach out to the Communications Chair at azurfluh@waterfordfoundation.org.