



The Loudoun Country Bed & Breakfast Guild  
P.O. Box 253, Purcellville, VA 20134

Friday, April 5, 2024

Subject: Loudoun Transmission Line Alliance Declaration

The Executive Committee of the Loudoun County Bed & Breakfast Guild has a quorum vote in agreement to support the declaration made by the Loudoun Transmission Line Alliance regarding the NextEra MARL Proposal. We stand in solidarity with fellow stakeholders representing various sectors in Loudoun County, Virginia, urging NextEra Energy to reconsider the construction of new power corridors through our rural communities.

The negative impact of such construction on our rural businesses, agricultural community, local economy, heritage, residents, and visitors cannot be overstated. We strongly oppose the implementation of new "greenfield" lines in rural areas and advocate for the utilization of existing power corridors for any necessary transmission line projects and alternative methods to minimize disruption to our landscapes and communities.

Loudoun County is a thriving tourism destination and agricultural region, boasting significant economic contributions from agritourism and our historic sites. Preserving our landscapes, unique lodging properties, farms, wineries, breweries, and historic landmarks is essential to maintaining the vitality of our economy and cultural heritage.

We emphasize the importance of protecting our historic and environmental sites, including National Historic Landmarks, historic districts, and properties under conservation or preservation easements. Any plan that disregards these protections undermines the integrity of our community and heritage. In light of the significant implications for Loudoun County's economy, environment, and cultural heritage, we urge NextEra Energy to reconsider its plans and refrain from constructing new power corridors in our rural landscapes. This is not just a commercial decision; it's an existential issue for our community.

We join our voices with the Loudoun Transmission Line Alliance in calling for preserving our rural landscapes and the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Cheri Shields  
President, Loudoun County Bed & Breakfast Guild

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Hi Beth and Susan,

Attached is the Guild's letter in support of the declaration made by the Loudoun Transmission Line Alliance regarding the NextEra MARL Proposal.

Warm Regards,

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