



# Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy **CARE** **Communicator**

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## What is CARE?

The Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy (CARE) is an organization of citizens opposed to The Geauga County - 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project as it has been proposed by FirstEnergy.

Specifically, it shall be the purpose of CARE to

- (1) Oppose the construction of a new transmission line utility corridor through Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg townships in the interest of preservation and conservation,
- (2) Advocate the use of a pre-existing civil corridor for a new transmission line, such that neither the over-land nor the Clay Street routes, as applied for by FirstEnergy, are constructed,
- (3) Create a common, unified voice through which CARE members may communicate with FirstEnergy, The Ohio Power Siting Board, the legislature and the courts,
- (4) Pool financial resources and raise money from sources outside of CARE to fund legal representation and other expenses,
- (5) Ultimately secure a resolution to FirstEnergy's needs that is satisfactory to the CARE membership.

It is important to realize that CARE does not promote the use of one of the two proposed routes (the over-land or the Clay Street) over the other. Both routes proposed in FirstEnergy's application involve creating a new utility corridor through farms, neighborhoods, virgin woods, and residential properties. These are not acceptable places to create a new utility corridor, therefore CARE opposes the proposed project.

Opposing the project without offering alternatives is not productive, therefore CARE advocates the use of pre-existing civil corridors as sites for a new transmission line. Fortunately, there are pre-existing corridors that are suitable for a new transmission line. CARE will work to persuade the Ohio Power Siting Board that FirstEnergy should be using the available pre-existing civil corridors.

## JOIN US

**You can help make a difference**

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<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=07-0171&link=DI>

<http://www.quicktopic.com/39/H/vGfqsd3A5uD>

## What your neighbors are saying about the proposed power line . . .

*Our uncle, Michael Youshak, is a farmer on Route 528 in Huntsburg, Ohio. His farm is situated along the proposed "prime route" of the overland power lines that FirstEnergy would like to construct . . .*

*If the First Energy project commences as currently envisioned Michael Youshak's property will be greatly devalued by the disruption of the drainage system, unwelcome obstacles and diminished aesthetics. Most importantly, the farm will not offer as an abundant of a crop yield with the advent of the pending imposition. With all of the farms that will fall victim to Project #07-0171-EL-BTX, this issue stands to negatively impact the economy of the entire region.*

David and Ann Reilley  
Avon, Ohio 44011

*I am writing to you because I am very concerned about what I view as the needless destruction of further virgin farm land and the marring of Geauga County's beauty, one of it's natural resources. While I understand that progress necessities change, I think in the way in which this change occurs is a reflection of our priorities.*

Margaret H. Lahner, Psy.D.  
Chesterland, Ohio 44026

*Eastern Geauga County ... has some of the most "unspoiled" farmland in the State of Ohio. If we really want to have "green" solutions there is no better place to start than Geauga County. A transmission line cutting through our property will devastate its beauty and value and raise health concerns for our children our grandchildren and our animals. At least one Ohio court decision has already ruled that land under high voltage power lines is "uninhabitable".*

George and Natalie Davet  
Thompson, Ohio 44086

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*... our enjoyment of our property [would] be permanently damaged: the landscape would be deleteriously altered; trees and wildlife would be harmed and diminished; our views north, south and west would be spoiled by high-voltage lines and poles; nuisance factors of unwanted trespassers taking advantage of a power line corridor, along with the loathsome buzz and hum of these lines (especially in precipitating weather) would combine to ruin our quiet and peaceful environment.*

Daniel O. Townsend  
 Claudia Britt Townsend  
 Thompson, Ohio 44086

*I have hunted on William and Patricia Jonath's property at 11975 Madison Rd. Huntsburg for many years. This area is extremely good for hunting, with grains to eat, woods for habitat, and fresh water. First Energy has proposed a 138KV transmission line to divide their property in half ... The stream and marsh in the wetlands is going to be damaged and maybe eliminated ... Not only will it interfere with the landowners, it will affect the whole ecological system. The power line will have a tremendously negative impact on man, animals, fowl, and plants.*

Clarence Burr  
 Madison, Ohio 44057

*We may lose trees in our wood lot, and are concerned about possible erosion along the west side of our tree lot, which contains a creek and a steep sided ravine.*

Mark Binnig  
 Kathleen Binnig  
 Thompson, Ohio 44086

*These 13 acres have been the better part of our life work. ... the line would proceed thru a heavily wooded area, required deforesting of dozens of trees. Many of these are maples, oak and cherry, some with a circumference up to eight feet! Also in this area the placement of poles would destroy drain-pipe that supplies runoff water, the only source of water to the pond.*

Marsha M. Carpenter  
 Virgil E. Carpenter  
 Montville, Ohio 44064

## Why should YOU oppose placement of the proposed FirstEnergy power line in either requested location?

- Because it will devalue the properties it crosses and those adjacent, harming not only the property owner(s), but also by extension the entire community. The owners will be obliged to continue paying taxes on the land despite its reduced value.
- Because it will damage the natural beauty and fragile ecology of the lands it crosses.
- Because it will lessen the agricultural productivity of the land it impacts thereby reducing farm income and purchasing power in the community.
- Because it will create an open pathway through our communities inviting trespassers on snowmobiles and off-road vehicles.
- Because there do exist civil corridors where the surrounding area has already absorbed the negative impacts described above. Let FirstEnergy place their new line in one of these locations. Granted the need for more power in the Middlefield area, there is no valid reason why FirstEnergy should be allowed to inflict such disruption in an untouched area in order to deliver it.

**Join CARE and be heard!**