IN THE MATTER OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC  
AND GAS COMPANY  
GREEN ACRES SCOPE HEARING  

BEFORE:  
JUDITH SCHLEICHER, PRESIDENT  
DAVE D. HELMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
GLENN ROE, TREASURE  
JOHN SUMINSKI, PARK COUNSEL  
JULIE C. BARON, COMMISSIONER  
JOHN R. SETTE, VICE PRESENT  
JACK KELLY, COMMISSIONER  
RICHARD SEABURY III, COMMISSIONER  
DR. PHILIP SANTIAGO, COMMISSIONER  
DAVID R. STIVERS, COMMISSIONER  

TRANSCRIPT of the stenographic notes of the  
proceedings in the above-entitled matter, as taken by  
and before Lorin Thompson, a Shorthand Reporter and  
Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, held at the  
Berkshire Valley Golf Course, 28 Cozy Lake Road,  
Jefferson, New Jersey, on July 26, 2010, commencing at  
7:30 p.m.  

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diversions on existing PSE & G transmission line
right-of-way easements. This approach eliminates
potential for the disturbance of any previously
undisturbed land.

The aerial diversion on Block 320, Lot 9 is
within a few hundred feet of Weldon Road and was once a
railroad right-of-way and will have an existing tower
removed from the parkland. The aerial diversion on
Block 335, Lot 4 is in the immediate vicinity of
previously heavily disturbed mining area.

PSE & G proposed Alternate Route C could
potentially affect park commission stewarded property in
the Townships of Randolph, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Mount
Olive, and Roxbury. As recommended by a number of
Individuals at the two previous scoping hearings, the
park commission did not move forward with submitting a
diversion application until the Board of Public
Utilities made a decision on the power line project.
The following are the procedures for the
hearing. Anyone wishing to speak, please sign in on the
yellow public hearing sheet which will become part of
the meeting minutes. Before speaking, state your name
and address clearly. All comments should be relevant to
the proposed major diversion. Each speaker has five
minutes to present their comments. Please try to

refrain from repetitive comments from previous speakers.
If you are part of a group or organization, it would be
appreciated if a single representative presented
comments on behalf of the organization.

If you're going to submit an exhibit, please
make sure the document has your name, name of the person
or entity that created the document and date submitted.
Exhibits and documents will become part of the record.

Written comments can be mailed to my
attention at the Morris County Park Commission,
PO Box 1243, Morrisville, New Jersey, or by telefax
transmissions at 973-644-2726 or by e-mail to
info@MorrisParks.net by Monday, August 9th, 2010.
Submitted written comments will also become part of the
record.

The park commission is not responding to
comments until after the public comment period ends on
Monday, August 9th, 2010. Responses to comments will be
made available and become part of the record at the park
commission's Monday, September 27, 2010, park commission
meeting. As part of the Green Acres program rules for
public hearings, it will be reviewed prior to the
opening of the public hearing.

Proposed -- describing the proposed
diversion. No structures will be placed on parkland.

Both lots will be affected by aerial diversions for the
proposed new transmission lines that will be in the air
space above the property within existing right-of-way.
Even though the power lines are in the existing
right-of-way, the original landowners crafted language
in the right-of-way documents to account for any future
temporary access to power lines and to extract revenue
from those changes.

The property to be affected once again is
Block 320, Lot 9, Jefferson Township. The lot size is
5.53, southwest boundary of Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
located between Weldon Road and State Highway 15, closer
to Weldon Road, formerly Ogden Mine branch of Central
Railroad Company.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company has
had the right-of-way since July 25, 1929. Block 335,
Lot 4 in Jefferson Township, lot size is 11 acres,
southeast boundary of Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, in
the area of the former Weldon and Lower Weldon Mines.
Consumers Coal and Ice Company gave the easement to
Public Service Electric and Gas Company on April 1st,
1930. Both lots are part of lands bequeathed by the
Estate of Richard Faye Saffin to the Morris County Park
Commission on May 12th, 1983.

A total of 673 acres was donated to expand
Mahlon Dickerson Reservation. The total park acreage is
3,337 acres. The total acreage affected by the
diversion on each lot and block is as follows:
Block 320, Lot 9, the area to be affected by
the transmission diversion is .209 acres for additional
aerial easement. This lot currently has a transmission
structure which will be removed as part of the power
line enhancement project. The total area of Block 335,
Lot 4 to be affected by the transmission line
improvement project is 1.163 acres for an additional
aerial easement.

The major diversion application is for a
portion of an overhead electric transmission line as
part of the Roseland to Susequehanna overhead electric
transmission project. PSE & G is proposing a new line to
comply with a directive from PJM Interconnection in
order to ensure continued compliance with the regional
electric transmission reliability.

Here with us today are a number of
representatives from PSE & G, including PSE & G's Assistant
General Property Counsel, David Richter, who will review
the following areas:

The compelling public need the project will
fulfill, the public benefits that the project will
yield, review past and ongoing efforts to identify

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that an alternative outside of the Morris County Park area was not a feasible alternative.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: Thank you. As I mentioned, we will be accepting comments on alternative sites suggested by the public, as well as comments on alternative methods of achieving project objectives without diversion.

Now I have some individuals.

Deann Muzikar.

MR. RICHTER: She works for PSE&G.

MS. MUZIKAR: We were just told to sign in so I'm on the list.

MR. RICHTER: I think she'll pass.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: You may speak if you like.

MS. MUZIKAR: Oh, no, I'll pass. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: Linda Englehardt.

MS. ENGLEHARDT: Also with PSE&G.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: And David Grossmueller.

MR. GROSSMUELLER: Also with PSE&G.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: And I know that Jim Lockwood is with the Star-Ledger, but if you want to speak, Jim.

MR. HELMER: No comments from the public.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: If there's no comments, I'd like a motion to close the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER SEABURY: So moved.

MR. HELMER: Commissioner Baron?

MS. BARON: Yes.

MR. HELMER: Commissioner Kelly?

MR. KELLY: Yes.

MR. HELMER: Commissioner Santiago?

MR. SANTIAGO: Yes.

MR. HELMER: Commissioner Seabury?

MR. SEABURY: Yes.

MR. HELMER: Vice President Sette?

VICE PRESIDENT SETTE: Let's wait and see if anybody shows up.

Yes.

MR. HELMER: Commissioner Stivers?

MR. STIVERS: Yes.

MR. HELMER: President Schleicher?

MS. SCHLEICHER: Yes.

MR. HELMER: I do need to read a few things into the record.

The next steps of the diversion process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 736-25.11, the park commission must supply a transcript of the Public Hearing to the New Jersey Green Acres Program. Written comments on the proposed major diversion will be received during the public comment period, ending Monday, August 9th, 2010. A summary of the public comments made at the public hearing and comments provided in writing during the public comment period and park commission's response to public comments will be provided to the New Jersey Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship at the park commission's Monday, September 27, 2010, public meeting, a resolution whether or not to reaffirm support for submission of the State House Commission application to NJDEP Green Acres Program for a major diversion will be voted on and sent to the New Jersey Green Acres Program, along with an application for the major diversion and a letter from the park commission's attorney stating that the park commission has complied with N.J.A.C. 736 et seq.

It's deemed sufficient that the New Jersey Green Acres Program will authorize park commission to submit final application. NJDEP commissioners shall approve or disapprove final application and the State House Commission hearing will be scheduled.

I just wanted to thank the staff of New Jersey Conservation Foundation who are responsible for developing and submitting to the park commission a document dated August 10th, 2009. It's a valuable resource for the park commissions natural resources staff.

And on behalf of the park commission, I would like to thank the public for their participation and concern for the county parkland. We did have a number of representatives attending the previous two scoping hearings.

And just a motion to adjourn the park commission meeting.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: I like a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

MR. HELMER: No. The regular park commission meeting.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: To reopen the regular meeting of the Morris County Park Commission.

COMMISSIONER BARON: So moved.

PRESIDENT SCHLEICHER: Is there a second?

VICE PRESIDENT SETTE: Second.

(All members voted in favor to adjourn public hearing portion of meeting.)

(Proceedings concluded at 7:47 p.m.)