

Petition to Oppose PPL Cross Country Route through Springfield and Richland Townships, PA.

Language of Petition:

Power Transmission Line Routing is the Issue, not the Need for Power:

We, the residents of Springfield and Richland Townships:

- 1. Oppose PPL's "preferred route, " known as the "Cross Country route," as it requires the placement of power lines through undeveloped, contiguous woodlands and Tohican riparian corridors; this harms the environment and endangers native species.*

- 2. Favor the placement of those transmission lines in areas either zoned for this type of activity or already disrupted by infrastructure, such as the Route 309 or SEPTA routes.*

- 3. Oppose the placement of transmission lines and substation in the rural area of the townships because that will unnecessarily degrade the historic and natural beauty of the community.*

Petition Results

	Springfield Twp East	Springfield Twp Middle	Springfield Twp West	Springfield Twp Total
Signed Petition	296	274	229	799
Voted in Primary *	408	432	364	1,204
Percentage	73%	63%	63%	66%

Richland Twp, Ward 2

Signed Petition	277			
Voted in Primary *	573		Richland Twp Total	
Percentage	48%		277	48%

Total signatures Primary Day	1,076	61%
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Method: Volunteers set up tables outside each polling both - three for Springfield Twp, one for Richland Twp, Ward 2. We did not have a banner describing our purpose to read from a distance. To people who came to our table we provided a map showing the three routes, which included information about the environments impacted, such as woodlands and floodplains.

Limitations: We were not able to describe the PPL preferred and alternative routes to everyone who voted, particularly when people came out in large groups, or when voters were determined to leave promptly and went directly to their cars without stopping at our table. We estimate that more than 90% of those who listened to our concerns and studied the maps showing the three transmission line routes signed the petition.

Importantly, we did not describe the size of the substation in the language of the petition above, because it was not disclosed by PPL at the public meeting in February of 2008. We anticipate that knowledge of the details of the 7-acre substation will result in much greater public concern regarding PPL's preferred Cross Country route.

* Source of Primary Voting records: <http://www.buckscountyelections.org/>