

## **Power-line project would damage Highlands**

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A coalition of groups including the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club and Stop the Lines is working hard. We are helping people comment to the National Park Service on PSE&G's documented unnecessary proposal to build 200-foot high electric power towers across the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and on across the Highlands, scarring forever all of northern New Jersey.

Nearly two years ago, grassroots groups and concerned citizens were able to generate more than 6,500 comments for the scoping hearings held on the Susquehanna-Roseland Project, and we are confident we will be able to garner that kind of support again. Though this line has not generated much attention in the last year, PSE&G in New Jersey and sister agency PPL in Pennsylvania have been quietly "maintaining" their Right of Ways along the existing transmission line. Residents though are still paying attention; now is the time to let their voices be heard.

That National Parks Service has scheduled opportunities for members of the public to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The three meetings will be held consecutively starting Tuesday, Jan. 24 in Bushkill, Pa; Wednesday, Jan. 25 in Stroudsburg, Pa; and on Thursday, Jan. 26 in Lafayette, N.J. All meetings are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on how to comment, visit [www.njhighlandscoalition.org](http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org). We hope many readers will join us in opposing this horrible transmission line through our parks.

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