Public Service Commission of West Virginia
201 Brooks Street
Charleston, WV 25301

June 30, 2026

RE: Valley North Project

To the West Virginia Public Service Commission:

As an owner and custodian of a historical property in Charles Town, Jefferson County, I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed Valley North 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line project. This massive infrastructure project threatens to irreparably damage West Virginia's rich historical heritage, despoil our pristine scenic viewsheds, and unfairly burden state ratepayers to benefit out-of-state entities and stakeholders.

Charles Town and the broader Eastern Panhandle hold profound historical significance. Our historic homes, agricultural lands, and heritage sites are not merely private real estate; they are the living history of West Virginia and a cornerstone of our local tourism economy. Slicing a new, 200-foot-wide right-of-way directly through our county (and mere yards from our home at 414 Mount Hammond Lane, Charles Town WV) to build industrial towers - the largest overhead structures in the country - will forever scar this historic landscape. I have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in creating a home and a sustainable woodworking business (based on the property) that reflect my values and my deep connection to the state and the historical property. The Valley North project threatens to desecrate that legacy.

The Public Service Commission's mandate is to protect the convenience, necessity, and financial well-being of *West Virginia* consumers and communities. This project serves neither. It exploits our land and resources for out-of-state corporate gain while actively devaluing our historical and cultural inheritance. The PSC can and should deny a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Valley North transmission project because the application fails to meet the following (and likely additional) statutory criteria under W. Va. Code §24-2-11a:

- Insufficient Evidence of System Reliability Benefits
    - West Virginia exports electricity, likely would not need additional high-voltage lines, and will not benefit from this specific project
- Failure to Minimize Adverse Environmental, Cultural, or Historic Impacts

    - There has been no assessment whatsoever of environmental, cultural, or historic impacts and, in fact, the proposed route travels directly across properties with both historic and environmental significance
- Inadequate Community Engagement or Failure to Address Public Input
    - Valley Link has clearly not addressed public input/sentiment and has virtually recycled a map (PATH) that the people of West Virginia vehemently opposed
- Failure to Demonstrate Economic Justification or Reasonable Cost Structure
    - In a formal order, FERC found the Valley Link Formula Rate proposal could be "unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential"
- Precedent Concerns (PATH-like failures)
    - As noted above, Valley North's footprint resembles the failed PATH project, which never received a CPCN in any state

I urge the Commission to rigorously scrutinize the Valley Link Transmission application, prioritize the preservation of our historic properties and ultimately deny the certificates of convenience and necessity for the Valley North transmission line.

Sincerely,

Brooke Davies