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Reference Docket # PF07-12-000

Ms. Bose,

I am submitting concerns and comments regarding Dominion Transmission Inc. Storage Factory Project located in Frederick County, Maryland. (Docket PF07-12-000). I have reviewed the data and information provided in Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and have found that it is sorely lacking in compliance issues dealing with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The area in question, along Marker Road, and the Middletown Valley of Frederick County contains a primary portion of the attack route of both Union (Army of the Potomac) and Confederate (Army of Northern Virginia) Armies during the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Through and over this area combined armies of over 120,000+ troops marched to the Battle of South Mountain and the Battle of Antietam during September, 1862. Viewshed impacts would be definitive from the South Mountain State Battlefield.

Since 1991 the people of Maryland through a variety of sources have spent over 4 million dollars to protect these view-sheds and battle sites for perpetuity and future generations. This effort has been highly successful and is modeled by many states across the nation.

Your consideration of cultural resource impacts must include view-sheds, historic military transportation routes, military encampments, skirmishes and hospitals. This area contains a rich history of the French and Indian War, and American Civil War. Any industrial development in this area must be undertaken with great care for all resources involved whether they are natural or historic.



I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposal and request to be included in the review of the Environmental Assessment when in final draft/format. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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