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The Miami County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses opposition to Grid Growth Ventures' proposed route of the Greentown-Thistlewood Study Segments transiting Miami County, particularly Study Segment 29 which transits the heart of the county through the commercial development zone along Interstate I-75 and CR-25A between the Cities of Piqua and Troy.

We assert that a transmission line through the Greentown-Thistlewood Study Segments should be selected based on several factors:

- 1) Minimize the number of people impacted by avoiding areas of higher population density;
- 2) Minimize the negative impact on property values, and reduce project cost, by avoiding areas of higher real property values;
- 3) Minimize the negative impact on economic development potential by avoiding areas with higher future growth projections; and,
- 4) Minimize the environmental and operational impacts of the transmission line given its proximity to specific geographic points.

These factors suggest that the transmission line option through Miami County should not be considered.

- 1) Miami County's estimated 2025 population is 112,634 with a population density of 277 persons per square mile. This is more than twice the population and density of the surrounding counties in the Study Area, with the exception of Clark County.
- 2) The taxable value of real property in Miami County is \$4.093 billion. This is the highest of all surrounding counties in the Study Area. (From Ohio Department of Taxation 2026 Table PD-31).
- 3) The Ohio Department of Development estimates that Miami County's population will grow by 7.39% between 2020 and 2050. All surrounding counties in the Study Area are projected to shrink by over 10% between 2020 and 2050.

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There are several geographic points along Study Segments 29, 31, and 32 that warrant specific consideration for the transmission line to avoid.

- 1) Bruns Development Park: Study Segment 29 crosses a group of commercial properties with significant future economic development potential. This area along CR25 and I-75 between Piqua and Troy is currently under review by the Ohio Department of Development for SiteOhio Wave 6 designation. It is projected that the urban areas of Troy and Piqua in the future will join at this location. A transmission line in this area will significantly restrain this development and negatively impact property values and potential public and private revenue.
- 2) Piqua Airport at Hartzell Field: 1.39 miles from Study Segment 31 directly in the approach direction of the airfield. This airfield is used for test flights associated with the Hartzel Propeller Company of Piqua and is rated for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). 175-foot transmission lines in this proximity to Hartzell Field appear to violate FAA rules on obstructions in IFR airfield approach surfaces.
- 3) Upper Valley Medical Center: 538 feet from Study Segment 29. This hospital contains an active Careflight Helipad. 175-foot transmission lines in this proximity to a medical helipad are likely to trigger mandatory filings with the FAA. The visual appearance of the transmission lines in this heavily trafficked area close to a medical facility may foster public sentiment against the project; even if studies show that the transmission lines do not interfere with sensitive medical equipment.
- 4) Stillwater State Scenic River: Study Segment 32 crosses this Scenic River which achieved designation in 1975 and includes the Stillwater River and Greenville Creek. This segment is drawn virtually on top of a Bald Eagle nest (as shown on ODNR nest tracker) as it crosses the Stillwater River west of SR48.

The Miami County Board of Commissioners hereby strongly opposes any routing option for the Greentown-Thistlewood Study Segments through Miami County on the grounds that there are other route options with less impact on population, property values, economic development potential, and the environment.

Sincerely,

Board of Miami County Commissioners



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