VILLAGE OF BOONVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMORIALIZING PETITION

MEMORIALIZING PETITION URGING National Grid to re-evaluate the how and where of its proposal to upgrade the Beaver River to Porter Transmission Line (NYS PSC Article VII Application, 25-T-0178) with regard to the Penn Mountain State Forest land and with regard for landowner property rights in their easement language.

WHEREAS, The Village of Boonville is concerned with the future availability of affordable electrical power with adequate supply for the village and town residents, but is equally concerned with its residents' property rights and values, as well as devaluation effects upon the tax base and the Equalization Rate; and

WHEREAS, this Village Board understands that rerouting to a new Right-of-Way will result in private property owners, including farmers, losing up to 50% of their property value with the probable loss of viability of sale of parts or all of their property, resulting in great personal loss and governmental loss of tax base; and

WHEREAS, This Village Board recognizes that lower property values can result in changes in tax share: A change in a village or town's market value relative to other municipalities in the same taxing jurisdiction affects its share of the overall tax levy, its equalization rate, for such things as school taxes; and

WHEREAS, this Rerouting proposal affects the enjoyment of the Village and Town of Boonville residents and farmers of their private land and greatly interferes with their current and future use of their private land; and

WHEREAS, this proposed reroute will cost National Grid and ratepayers much more than rebuilding through the state forest right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Easement urged upon landowners is not a typical "specific purpose" easement but a highly unusual easement in its one-sidedness and breadth permitting transmission of any voltage for any electrical power or communication purposes by any means, including means "not yet devised", in, upon, over, under, and across the entire tax parcel; for any public or private purpose, extensive rights to the entire tax parcel, and the right of National to lease or sell easement rights; and

WHEREAS, this easement-permitted "transmission of any voltage...by any means...etc." is proposed for the existing transmission line through villages like Boonville and Holland Patent and near existing homes with unknown future health effects; and

WHEREAS, notification of National Grid's upgrade Article VII NYS PSC application has only been given to direct property owners affected by the line (not neighbors or other Town/Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Boonville Board of Trustees shares landowners' worries about the "how" and the "where" of the upgrade of the Beaver River to Porter Transmission,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Boonville Board of Trustees urges National Grid to do whatever is necessary to keep the Beaver River to Porter Transmission Line in the existing right-of-way as it has been for about 100 years; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Boonville Board of Trustees urges National Grid to use standard and fair easement contract language; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Boonville urges National Gird to clearly and completely publicize to Town and Village Boards, and all residents in the Town of Boonville, their current and future proposed actions of rebuilding and rerouting while upgrading the line; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Village of Boonville Board urges National Grid to reconsider and reconstruct their Article VII NYS PSC Application, 25-T-0178, so that it works to use the existing right-of-way instead of private property, uses fair easement language, and notifies their proposals to the broader community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village of Boonville Board shall forward copies of this petition to National Grid, NYS Public Service Commission, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblywoman Marianne Buttonschon, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

October 28, 2025

Signed by the Village of Boonville Elected Officials:

Mayor Judith Dellerba _____

Trustee Michael Andrews _____

Trustee Eric McIntyre _____

Trustee Alan Satterly _____

Trustee Kenneth Stabb _____