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The weakest link of the proposed power line path of Route 1 is the area where the power lines would cross over Highway 198 then make a westward turn below Badger Hill towards Northern Exeter and Northern Farmersville. This would destroy a major scenic vista along the Highway 198 corridor. People who live up on Badger Hill and those who live or travel below would have their scenic views destroyed. Too many people would be impacted from this option and in my view is an unacceptable option. It is the worse place in any scenario to place a power line and much worse for a power line to make a 90 degree turn. No price tag can be put on this option with regards to cost savings. A \$39 million to \$67 million dollar savings is meaningless. Destruction of a scenic vista of this magnitude cannot be measured in dollars. Route 1 is not an acceptable option.

Sincerely, Dale Kersten