

Choptank Electric Cooperative Support Comments for PHI's MAPP line (Mid-Atlantic Power Path)

On February 13, 2007, Choptank EC along with Old Dominion EC, Delaware EC and A&N EC, sent a letter to PJM in support of this project. Choptank serves over 54,000 meters in 9 counties on the eastern shore of Maryland. As a cooperative owned by its member customers, Choptank is supportive of plans that will enhance the reliability of the transmission grid serving its customers. This new 500kV line is important to us for meeting the future electrical demands of our customers. Our loads continue to grow putting increasing pressure on the existing transmission infrastructure.

The MAPP transmission line project will significantly enhance the reliability level on the Delmarva Peninsula by providing a new, electrical path onto the Peninsula allowing power to flow onto the peninsula from a different direction. The only current transmission paths onto the Peninsula enter from the north. Perhaps you recall in 1998 when a relay failed in Keeney station which darkened the Peninsula. That was a crystal clear example of how vulnerable the Peninsula is to a severe, long term outage.

As a peninsula, there are limited transmission or generation options available to provide the needed level of reliable transmission service and economic supply to meet loads in the future.

Choptank would like to ensure that its customers receive the benefits that the PJM market was designed to provide. Choptank would again like to voice its strong and continued support of this critical transmission project and would urge PJM to move forward with the MAPP line.

Thank you.

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