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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Ms. Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive  
Mr. Brad W. Young, County Council President  
Frederick County Government  
Winchester Hill  
12 East Church Street Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear County Executive Fitzwater and County Council President Young,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project. PSEG, the developer of this project, has not yet filed an application with the Public Service Commission for authority to build a project. If the developer files an application and the Commission opens a case, the Commission will conduct a transparent, detailed, and participatory process in conjunction with other state agencies as prescribed for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) in the Public Utilities Article. The members of the Public Service Commission will conduct the proceeding attendant with the CPCN application including public hearings in each of the jurisdictions affected the proposed transmission line. Further, the Commission will direct the applicant to forward the notice of the matter before the Commission to the county governments.

I appreciate your kind suggestion regarding the scheduling and location of the public hearing in your County. The Executive Secretary will contact your office to facilitate the hearing. The Executive Secretary will also advise the relevant counties regarding participation and representation in Commission proceedings on the matter.

The Commission encourages the County to engage with this process and provide your input.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frederick H. Hoover, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Frederick H. Hoover, Jr.  
Chair