



Jefferson County Commission
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Jefferson County Commission Opposes PJM Transmission Expansion Project, Citing Harm to Tourism Economy and Minimal Taxpayer Benefit

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CHARLES TOWN, WV (February 27, 2025) – The Jefferson County Commission has unanimously approved and sent a letter opposing the PJM transmission expansion project, citing its potential negative impacts on the County's tourism economy and the taking of private land with little return to taxpayers.

The Commission's opposition is rooted in concerns that the project would disrupt Jefferson County's scenic landscapes, a cornerstone of the County's tourism industry, while providing minimal economic benefit to residents. Additionally, the project would require the use of private land, imposing unnecessary burdens on property owners without justifiable returns for the County.

Commission President Pasha Majdi emphasized the need to prioritize Jefferson County's residents and economy, stating:

"This transmission expansion project places a burden on our landowners and our tourism economy while offering little in return to the people of Jefferson County. Our priority is ensuring that any development in our community benefits our residents first and foremost."

The Commission remains committed to protecting the County's economic interests and natural resources while advocating for responsible infrastructure planning that serves local taxpayers.

Please call the Commission Office with questions (304) 728-3284.

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