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Mr. Christopher Lawrence
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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

This is in response to your June 3, 2016, request for the Department of Defense (DoD) to review and comment on the ITC Lake Erie Connector, LLC proposal to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a 1,000 megawatt (MW) high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Canada border in Lake Erie, PA (OE Docket No. PP-412).

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment and the Presidential Permit application. DoD has no national security concerns with the project crossing the international border and, on that basis, does not object to the issuance of the Presidential Permit.

Should the proposed action be amended in a manner that would result in it being sited, constructed, expanded or operated on land or interest in land controlled by DoD, including civil works activities, then a real estate use agreement must be obtained by separate action with the appropriate Military Department.

Sincerely,

Peter Potochney
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