PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MID-ATLANTIC RESILIENCY LINK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Resiliency Link (MARL) project, proposed by NextEra Energy Transmission, seeks to construct high-voltage transmission lines through multiple counties in West Virginia, including Preston County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route would significantly impact local landowners, farms, forests, and rural communities, including long-standing family properties and environmentally sensitive areas in Preston County; and

WHEREAS, the Preston County Commission recognizes the value of private property rights and the importance of protecting the livelihoods and quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the project has been met with strong opposition from landowners and community members concerned about its potential negative impact on property values, agriculture, tourism, and the scenic integrity of Preston County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supports renewable energy and grid reliability but believes these goals must be pursued in a way that respects local communities, safeguards rural heritage, and avoids unnecessary harm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preston County Commission formally opposes the Mid-Atlantic Resiliency Link project as currently proposed and urges state and federal regulators, as well as NextEra Energy Transmission, to halt development of the project through Preston County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preston County Commission will actively support efforts by local residents and stakeholders to oppose the

project and will advocate for alternative solutions that minimize impacts on landowners and the environment.

ADOPTED this 28 day of My, 2025, by the Preston County Commission.

Don Smith, President

Hunter Thomas, Commissioner

Samantha Stone, Commissioner