



MINERAL 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 across multiple counties in West Virginia, including Mineral County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route threatens to significantly disrupt private property, productive farmland, forested lands, and the fabric of rural communities throughout Mineral County — including property held by families for generations and environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mineral County Commission places the highest value on the rights of private property owners and remains firmly committed to preserving the rural character, livelihoods, and quality of life of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the project has already drawn strong opposition from Mineral County residents, farmers, and landowners who have voiced deep concerns about the potential negative impact on property values, agricultural operations, tourism, and the scenic integrity of our region; and

WHEREAS, although NextEra projects that MARL could generate up to \$75 million in sales and property taxes for Mineral County over the next 40 years, this estimate fails to adequately consider the potential loss in property values, long-term depreciation, and the additional estimated \$246 million in infrastructure costs that would ultimately be borne by ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, while the Commission recognizes the importance of energy reliability and supports the responsible development of renewable energy infrastructure, such efforts must be undertaken in a way that respects local communities, minimizes harm, and upholds the values and traditions of rural West Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mineral County Commission formally opposes the Mid-Atlantic Resiliency Link project in its currently proposed form, and calls upon state and federal regulators, as well as NextEra Energy Transmission, to suspend all further development of the project through Mineral County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mineral County Commission stands united with our residents in opposition to this project and will actively work with local stakeholders to pursue alternative solutions that better protect private property, the environment, and the integrity of Mineral County's rural heritage.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June 2025, by the Mineral County Commission.

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Roger Leatherman, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Staggs", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Staggs, Commissioner

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Jason Whitlock, Commissioner