



BALSAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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August 6, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The members of the Balsam Township Volunteer Fire Department are concerned with the proposed placement of the Great Northern Transmission Line. On numerous occasions we have had medical helicopters use the parking area west of our fire station and also the softball field on the east side of our station for both training and emergency trauma patient loading.

Due to the close proximity to our local convenience store, restaurant, medical clinic, playground, community center, township hall, fire hall and many homes, we are opposed to the "Orange Route" and would prefer the "Blue Route" be used through Balsam Township.

Thank you for considering our input on this matter (docket # 14-21).

Sincerely,

Troy Beckner
Balsam Fire Chief

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