M O N V A L L E Y C L E A N A I R C O A L I T I O N

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WV Public Service Commission

P. O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323

RE: Longview Case No. 17-1450-E-CS-PC Date: November 24, 2017

The Mon Valley Clean Air Coalition has determined that new and highly relevant information is appropriate to this Case of coal transport via diesel trucks on the hills of West Virginia, near to developed areas of private residence and public institutions of education, health care and service.

Diesel exhaust and coal-fired power plants emit particulate matter over a wide size range, plus hydrocarbon compounds and fragments, and some level of sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides. Noise, vibrations, road damages and traffic hazards are also a significant consideration.

This letter and the attachments have their focus on the diesel exhaust hazards including the fine and ultrafine particulate emissions. A clear association exists for hospitalizations, asthma, premature births, headaches, and other more serious conditions. The links to asthma, lung cancer and heart disease are explained in the Attachments. This is entitled: “On Health Effects, Blame the Trucks, Not the Fracking?” The author is Reid Frazier of the Allegheny Front in Pittsburgh.

We have attached a two page list of References that are mentioned in this Article. To the public benefit, the Article and the References are much more comprehensive in their scope and content than the author originally intended. They apply well to this Case.

Given this new information, it is definitely unwise to use diesel trucks to move coal from the Monongahela River valley up a long and steep hill to the Longview Power plant. All the other alternatives need to be considered. We are planning to list all the educational and health service facilities that would be impacted in addition to the immediate communities of Ft. Martin, Maidsville, Van Voorhis, Hoard, Bakers Ridge, Stewartstown, Pt. Marion, and Taylortown.

Hopefully Longview will withdraw this Application in order to fully consider the many alternatives that would involve far less health impacts on northern Monongalia County as well as southern Greene and Fayette Counties in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the health impacts, nuisance effects, and safety risks involved in this major change; major also because of the number of trucks per day and their direction of loaded transport on such a long and steep hill.

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Attachments (2): Article & References