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Brenda, it was a pleasure meeting with you and your team on Thursday, July 11. As suggested, attached is a letter summarizing our discussions. (See attached file: Letter to national energy task force duke energy_v1.DOC)

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Ms. Brenda Mallory
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Dear Brenda,

On behalf of Duke Energy North America (DENA), thank you for hosting the meeting with the Energy Project Streamlining Task Force. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you and other members of the Task Force the Duke Energy Frederick proposed natural gas combined-cycle electric generation facility in southern Frederick County, near Point of Rocks, Maryland.

In our view, issues associated with this project fall within the Task Force mandate to look at specific projects and broader initiatives related to streamlining. We also note that the project helps foster the goals of the President's National Energy Policy which cites a need to have in place 1,300 and 1,900 new power plants to meet projected demand over the next few decades, and observes that much of this new generation will be fueled by natural gas.

The planned facility is being thoroughly examined by the State of Maryland in an adjudicatory proceeding for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). In addition, the U.S. National Park Service has a pending application from Duke Energy for a right of way to place a pipeline (with directional drilling) under the C & O Canal Historic National Park. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Maryland Department of Environment will also jointly process a permit application for minor wetland impacts. We hope to work cooperatively with the two federal agencies to facilitate an efficient processing of these federal permit applications, including assuring sound compliance with all applicable laws including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We appreciate the assistance of the Task Force as we work with the federal agencies.

If you or other members of Task Force need additional information do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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