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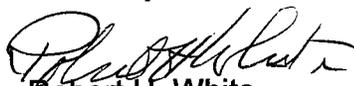
Corridor ELS Scoping Process
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
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Gentlemen:

A simple and practical avenue for energy corridors, whether in the west or anywhere in the country, is to utilise the median space between interstate highways. Pipelines could be laid for oil, natural gas and electric cable. The land is already under the control of the federal government or some state governments. The roads are in most cases the most reasonably direct routes between populated areas, both those producing the energy and those consuming the energy. Underground pipelines would offer no particular risk to highway traffic. Locating the lines with the interstates would make them readily accessible to service and maintenance crews. Such location would seem to be safer from terrorism and/or sabotage, as opposed to routes through open spaces of federal lands and/or parks. Siting of this type would be far less vulnerable to public complaint or environmental group resistance.

I'd appreciate being advised if this suggestion has merit, or if not why not.

Sincerely


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