



The Deputy Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 29, 2017

Mr. James Matheson
Chief Executive Officer
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
4300 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Dear Mr. Matheson:

Thank you for your letter dated June 6 concerning opposition to a proposal in the President's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to divest the transmission assets of the Department's Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs). Secretary Perry asked that I respond to your letter.

The Secretary of Energy and I value the goals of affordable, reliable power and transmission services to ratepayers and consumers. We understand how important those goals are, particularly to rural communities, and the significance of PMAs' transmission systems to your organization's membership.

This proposal will need approval by Congress. It is important that the people and communities served by these transmission assets are involved in the legislative process and the Department welcomes your continued involvement.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Bryan Kellogg, Advisor for Intergovernmental & External Affairs, at (202) 586-3660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Brouillette".

Dan Brouillette

