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To: Kimberly D Bose
Secretary, FERC

From: Central MD Land Trust Inc.

Subject: DTI's proposed booster compressor plant (station)
on Marker Rd, Middletown, MD

Reference: Docket PF07-12-000

Central MD Heritage League vehemently opposes DTI's proposal to build a booster compressor station on farmland at a location off Marker Rd in Middletown

If this proposal were approved at this location by you, it would: 1) Destroy 18 years of efforts on our part to convince landowners in our area to preserve and protect by easement farmlands and historic sites in the Middletown Valley. No landowner would sign up for State and Federal programs such as "Iced Tea" (D.O.T.), Rural Legacy, Wetlands and forest protection etc once they saw this industrial plant as their neighbor.

2) Enable DTI to do anything with the 100+ acres they would own which is currently farmland but without easement protecting it from any development.

3) Ruin the viewshed of the So. Mountain State Battlefield, a concern of the Civil War Preservation Trust, National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Conference, and the MD Dept of Natural Resources — all of whom have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to preserve and protect land and historic sites in the Middletown Valley.

4) Put in jeopardy for destruction and/or benign neglect

"We don't inherit the land from our ancestors...we borrow it from our children."

Native American Proverb

Fox's Tavern at the corner of Marker and Bolivar Aves.

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The tavern dates from the French and Indian War period and was visited by Geo. Washington and General Braddock on their way through the Allegany Mts.

There are alternative sites in existing industrial areas within reasonable distance.

The 350+ speakers and/or attendees at the FERC hearing on Feb 6 in Middletown were unanimous in their total opposition to QTI's proposal for this site.

We are prepared to testify to these points and to offer alternative solutions

Sincerely

Bill Wilson, Executive Director, C.M.H.L. Inc