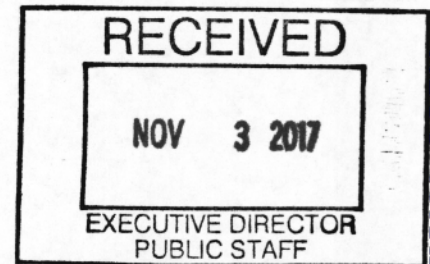


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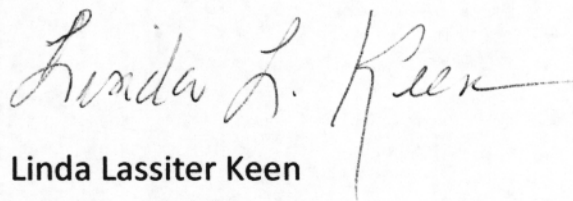
Subject: Forestry Farm Operations Adversely Affected By The Proposed Cleveland Matthews Road 230-KV Route.

My farm is located on the south side of Black Creek and north of Elevation Road northwest of Four Oaks, Johnston County. The proposed line would cross my farm diagonally and pass thru 13.6 acres of loblolly pines that were last commercially thinned in 2007. This acreage has been in the CRP program since 1998 or before (contract No. 771). This acreage was released from contract on September 30, 2017. I waited until now to plan a commercial cutting because thinning while under CRP contract means the CRP payment for that year is withheld. The standard contract with loggers allows one year for thinning once a contract is signed. If this line is allowed as scheduled, I do not have a year before Duke contractors will be falling trees thru the right-of-way as well as larger trees near by the easement.

Knowing these trees are in the line of fire means, even though prices are low, I am compelled to "sell now". Apparently I am losing control of "smart decisions" regarding my farm.

Separately, my niece is submitting information relative to the Canady/Lassiter farm just across Elevation Road. That too is a forestry farm operation.

Thank you for the questions at the Monday hearing regarding this matter. I have always regarded this acreage as a business. The IRS does!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda L. Keen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Linda Lassiter Keen

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Mr. Christopher J. Ayers