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Valley Link Transmission, LLC
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We are writing to request an extension for the public to submit comments to Valley Link concerning the Valley North Transmission Line Project.

According to the Valley Link website and your written materials, the public is asked to submit comments by August 14, 2026. It is not clear whether this date represents a hard deadline for public comments. However, for the reasons set forth below, we urge Valley Link to extend the window for public comment by at least 90 days.

- Size and Complexity of the Project: The proposed Valley Link North Project extends 260 miles over three states. The study segments themselves total over 1,000 miles. Hundreds of communities, thousands of property owners, and tens of thousands of residents will be affected. Despite Valley Link's outreach efforts, many residents are still unaware of the project. Ensuring that all those who will be impacted have the chance to provide their comment will require extensive outreach.

- Need for Expert Consultation: To provide the most constructive feedback possible, impacted communities will need to consult with: technical and scientific experts / legal counsel regarding existing easements / HOA and community association boards / and agricultural, tourism, and economic development organizations. All of this will require far more time than provided by the current window.

- Valley Link Open House Schedule: Valley Link will not complete its first round of Open Houses until the end of July, barely two weeks before the August 14 date.

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Many impacted families will be on family summer vacation and/or getting ready for the new school year to begin. Expecting them to have time to study this massive and complex project, discuss within their communities, and navigate the Geo-Voice tool by mid-August is completely unrealistic.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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