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Mr Thomas Mirow

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Bulgaria:

Centre for Environmental Information and Education

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Croatia:

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Czech Republic:

Centrum pro dopravu a energetiku (CDE)

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Estonia:

Estonian Green Movement-FoE

Georgia:

Green Alternative

Hungary:

National Society of Conservationists - Friends of the Earth Hungary (MTVSZ)

Latvia:

Latvian Green Movement

Lithuania:

Atgaja

Macedonia:

Eko-svest

Poland: Polish Green Network (PGN)

Russia:

Sakhalin Environmental Watch

Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development (CEKOR)

Slovakia:

Friends of the Earth - Center for Environmental Public Advocacy (FoE-CEPA)

Ukraine:

National Ecological Centre of Ukraine (NECU)

CEE Bankwatch Network's mission is to prevent environmentally and socially harmful impacts of international development finance, and to promote alternative solutions and public participation.

Dear Mr Mirow,

I'm writing to you to express concerns regarding the situation with the relocation of "Adjalyk-Usatove" transmission line¹ from the territory of the villages of Nerubayske and Usatove.

15 May, 2012

In June 2010, a six-party agreement between the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine, NEC Ukrenergo, Odessa State Regional Administration, Bilyaivka State District Administration and the Usatove and Nerubayske village councils was signed, according to which the transmission line had to be relocated from the territory of the village by June 1, 2011. As Country Director, Mr André Küüsvek in his letter to the Minister of Coal and Energy of Ukraine has kindly informed that EBRD finds the terms and conditions of the Agreement as acceptable and the Bank is ready to monitor its implementation.

NEC Ukrenergo is almost a year late with the works on relocation of this transmission line. On May 3, 2012 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved a final report on "Construction of high voltage transmission line in the Odessa region - construction of 330 kV lines Adjalyk - Usatove"2. The approval of such report appears to be an indication of that the Government of Ukraine finds the level of project implementation acceptable.

We expect that the Bank will not leave this governmental decision without reaction. The implementation of the project in its current design can not

http://www.kmu.gov.ua/control/uk/publish/article?art_id=245182263&cat_id= 244274160

¹ Odessa High Voltage Grid Upgrade project http://www.ebrd.com/english/pages/project/eia/33896.shtml

be regarded as satisfactory, as it contradicts the plan that was initially agreed with EBRD and has a detrimental influence on the health of local community. We expect that the EBRD will continue its work with Ukrenergo and the Ukrainian government on relocation of the transmission line from the territory of the villages of Usatove and Nerubayske.

Much

Sincerely yours, Olena Miskun