Ms Laimuté Januliené, opinion letter regarding rules and good practice of territorial planning and availability of location for the OHL in an already existing infrastructure corridor

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To Rūta Cimakauskienė, Head of Rudamina village community in Lazdijai municipality, Lazdijai municipality, Rudamina

Regarding the purpose of "communication corridors" in territorial plans

In territorial planning, infrastructural corridors are solutions of informational, strategic nature. They are foreseen to rationalize the use of land for development of infrastructure and communications. Currently, the territory of Lithuania is intersected by the routes of multiple gas, electrical power, oil, telecommunication networks, as well as by roads, railways. By designating the communication corridors, the goal is to group new infrastructure networks (including power lines) with the established ones, to form general "corridors". During the process of the territorial planning, the owners of the communication infrastructures corrected the routes of the "corridors" and their parameters, but never objected this general concept.

The infrastructure networks are constructed based on designated special plans. During such a procedure, a specific route is identified taking into account multiple factors and circumstances. Among the others, the positions of strategic documents (the territorial plans at the county, municipality levels, Governmental decrees, and strategy papers) are taken into consideration. In the case of international projects, agreements on border crossing spots are important.

A preliminary route of the high voltage (400 kV) electrical power transmission line is foreseen in the Master Plan for the territory of the Republic of Lithuania (the drawing of the technical infrastructure), as well as in the Lazdijai district municipality general plan (the drawing of the engineering infrastructure). However, if in the case of special planning procedure, in a certain section a route can be identified, which affects less the interests of the third parties and better meets the environmental requirements, deviations from the preliminary routes designated in the strategic documents are possible. This happened in the case of the planned route of Rail Baltica (the trans-Baltic railway project).

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