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COUNCIL OF LAZDIJAI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

**DECISION ON
PETITION CONCERNING THE 400 KV ELECTRICAL ENERGY
TRANSMISSION OVERHAD POWER LINE**

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Based on the 16th paragraph part 4 of the local self-governance law of the Republic of Lithuania (published in Žin., 1994, Nr. 55-1049; 2008, Nr.113-4290), having analyzed the solutions of the special plan „400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Alytus substation- the border of the Republic of Poland“, and taking into account the application from 2011-02-09 by the Association Rudamina Community to undertake a decision of the Council at its meeting of February 2011 concerning construction of the 400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Alytus substation- the border of the Republic of Poland and its operation at the territory of Lazdijai district municipality, the Council of Lazdijai district municipality has decided:

To address the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania concerning construction of the 400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Alytus substation- the border of the Republic of Poland at the territory of Lazdijai district municipality (the address is attached).

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Approved
by the Council of Lazdijai district
municipality
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**PETITION
TO THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE 400 KV ELECTRICAL ENERGY
TRANSMISSION OVERHEAD POWER LINE ALYTUS SUBSTATION- THE
BORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AT THE TERRITORY OF
LAZDIJAI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

The Council of Lazdijai district municipality, having analyzed the solutions of the special plan „400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Alytus substation- the border of the Republic of Poland“, is of opinion that they are not sufficiently discussed and causing damage to the public interest, and therefore they should be corrected in terms of the location of the power line route at the territory of Lazdijai district municipality.

Electricity has an important role in the life of the modern society. Lazdijai district municipality is aware the concern of the state concerning an improvement of the reliability of electricity supplies. The new electrical energy power link between the Republics of Lithuania and Poland will connect the energy systems of the Baltic States and Western Europe, it will strengthen the energetic independence of these countries, will contribute to the establishment of the common electrical energy market of the European union, will improve the reliability of the electrical energy supplies. Based on the laws of the free market, the electrical energy will be supplied and used where it is needed most. Any eventual lack of energy in the Baltic Sea region will be compensated by importing the energy from the other countries via the power links, while having new sources of electrical energy production in Lithuania, it will be possible to export the surplus of the electrical energy.

Construction of the power link will significantly contribute to the reliability and development of the transmission grid in North-Eastern Poland and Southern Lithuania. However, the route of the 400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Alytus substation- the border of the Republic of Poland has to be chosen in an optimal way, so that the negative impacts on the natural, cultural, historical and social-economic environment would be as small as possible, making as little damage as possible to one of the most valuable, non-urbanized landscapes in Lithuania. The formerly closed border district in Lazdijai municipality is rich in biological and landscape values that are not sufficiently investigated. The present route foresees construction of the 400 kV electrical energy

transmission power line next to a landscape reserve that is planned in the Master plan of Lazdijai district municipality, and it crosses the zone of recreational territories. No doubt, the planned activity would destroy an entire, exceptionally rich complex of natural and cultural landscape and historical heritage in Lazdijai district.

Lazdijai district municipality proposes to change the crossing point of the 400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line at the Lithuanian-Polish state border, in the first case, by overlapping it with the crossing point of the Lithuanian-Polish state border by the railway Rail Baltica. Further on, the 400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line would stretch along the railway Rail Baltica, it would cross the railway that is heading Šeštokai small-town, continuing between Sūsis peatland and Šeštokai till crossing the 35 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Olendrai substation-Kalvarija, then overlapping it with the 35 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line heading toward the Olendrai substation, and from the Olendrai substation heading toward Alytus along the existing 110 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line. In the second case, the 400 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line would cross the Lithuanian-Polish state border near the crossing point of the Lithuanian-Polish state border by the railway Rail Baltica, stretching along the railway Rail Baltica till crossing the 35 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line Olendrai substation-Kalvarija, then overlapping with the 35 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line heading toward the Olendrai substation and from the Olendrai substation heading toward Alytus along the existing 110 kV electrical energy transmission overhead power line.

Lazdijai district municipality is confident that the proposed alternatives of the special plan would have no negative consequences for the strategic project of the Lithuanian- Polish electrical power interconnector, it would save the natural and landscape values so far not affected by industrialization and would provide for sustainable development of the Lithuanian and Polish border regions.
