

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS  
POTENTIALLY IMPACTED BY THE MARL OR VALLEY LINK TRANSMISSION LINES

If you own property anywhere near the proposed MARL or Valley Link transmission routes, this is critical information you need to know right now.

**You Do NOT Have to Sign Anything**

NextEra and its agents may contact you asking you to sign documents for:

- “Surveys”
- “Environmental testing”
- “Right-of-entry”
- Easements or options

These documents are 100% voluntary.

You are not required to sign them — despite what land agents may tell you.

Right now, they have no permit from the West Virginia Public Service Commission (PSC) and no authority to enter your property without your permission. Entering without permission would be trespassing

**Landowner Advice**

There Is No Rush — The PSC Process Takes Time

Neither MARL nor Valley Link has filed an application with the WV PSC yet. Even after filing, the process typically takes at least 1–2 years before a decision is made — and that’s only if the project is approved at all.

**Landowner Advice**

You lose nothing by waiting.

In fact, waiting protects your rights.

Don’t Believe the Pressure Tactics

Land agents may claim:

- “This is the best offer you’ll get”
- “If you wait, you’ll get less”
- “Everyone else is signing”

These statements are false. History shows that early offers are often lowball offers, and companies frequently increase compensation later — especially if they must go to court

### **Landowner Advice**

Get Everything in Writing.

Do not negotiate in person or by phone.

Verbal promises mean nothing.

Insist on written communication (email or letter)

Save everything

If you respond at all, a simple “No thank you — please contact me in writing” is sufficient

### **About Eminent Domain (If It Ever Happens)**

- Only after PSC approval could a company be granted eminent domain authority. If that ever occurs:
- You are constitutionally entitled to “just compensation”
- Compensation includes both the land taken and damage to the remaining property
- You would then hire an attorney experienced in eminent domain
- In West Virginia, land valuation disputes can go before a jury of fellow landowners, which strongly favors property owners
- This is NOT something you need to deal with now.

### **What You Should Do Right Now**

- Don't sign anything
- Don't negotiate verbally
- Help stop the project before permits are issued
- Attend upcoming WATI workshops to learn how to become a PSC intervenor (it's easy and powerful)
- Contact your legislators, county commissioners, and the Governor

Support West Virginians Against Transmission Injustice (WATI) — they are actively representing landowners in Charleston and providing accurate information .

You have strong rights as a landowner.

You are not powerless.

And nothing bad happens if you wait.

Don't let anyone pressure you into signing away permanent rights to your land.