

As a member of the Board of Trustees for Kanuga Conferences, Inc., I strongly oppose the selection of Route 10b in the Duke Energy Foothills Project. The installation of 230-kV transmission lines through the Kanuga campus at 130 Kanuga Chapel Dr., Hendersonville, NC is unacceptable. We strongly urge you to select a less sensitive route.

If chosen, Route 10b threatens our nonprofit organization in the following ways:

- Undercuts our mission
- Imperils our economic stability
- Jeopardizes our environmental stewardship of several endangered and threatened species
 - Endangers historic landmarks listed on the National Register
 - Menaces the health and safety of the thousands of children and other guests of Kanuga, ***most directly the underprivileged and at-risk youth who attend Camp Bob and the hundreds of teenagers whose lives are changed from participation in the Mountain Trail Outdoor School.***

In addition, as President of Province IV of The Episcopal Church, I serve dioceses in nine Southeastern states, and each of them considers Kanuga to be “home” for conferences, vacations, parish retreats, and Christian formation opportunities for their young people. It is a spiritual haven of serenity and peace, far from the daily stress of a world gone mad. To install 230-kV transmission lines through the Kanuga campus would be more than the desecration of beautiful land; it would be an ugly intrusion into what is considered “sanctuary” for folks from across our United States and beyond.

Affiliated with The Episcopal Church since 1928, our historic camp and conference center annually brings more than 25,000 guests to Hendersonville from all 50 states and locations around the world. We contribute strongly to the economic, environmental and spiritual well-being of our region.

Kanuga and Duke Energy have enjoyed a strong and very productive partnership over the past 87 years. Wanting to continue that partnership, Kanuga’s staff, board and broad network of constituents call on Duke Energy to protect Kanuga’s historic and environmentally vulnerable campus by selecting a less sensitive route.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this most sincere appeal.

Sincerely,

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President, Province IV of The Episcopal Church