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Dear Friend of the W&OD Trail,

The Trail needs your support and commitment now more than ever. We need your financial support for our depleted legal fund to pay the outstanding legal fees to the tremendous attorney that represented the W&OD Trail on behalf of Save the Trail at the hearings before the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) over the summer. We await the recommendation by the hearing examiner to the three SCC commissioners who will make the ultimate decision on the route for the power lines. Their decision is expected over the winter. We have no crystal ball to advise you which of the many routes will be chosen -- but we can tell you with 100% assurance that whatever route is selected by the SCC, there will follow a lengthy and expensive appeals process by the respondents in this case, including Save the Trail.

On a happier note, Save the Trail is very proud to tell you that we were recently awarded the 2006 Conservation Leadership Award by the Piedmont Environmental Council at their annual meeting. We are most honored by their recognition of the efforts so many have made to protect the W&OD Trail and keep it the beloved regional park that we all enjoy particularly in these beautiful fall days. Hop on the Trail and gaze up into the tree canopy – this is what a Trail should look like. It will be lost forever if 110 foot transmission towers line the route and 26,000 trees are chopped down. Don't let this happen. Please contribute generously today.

You can donate online using our secure Paypal payment system at www.savethetrail.com or mail in your contribution. 100% of your donation will go to our legal fund and is fully tax deductible.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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