

August 31st, 2017

John F Coleman, Jr., Commissioner
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
3rd Floor, Room N-306

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Dear Mr. Coleman,

I am writing in regards to Holiquin Riding Center, located at 15052 Wingerton Rd, Waynesboro, PA. Holiquin is directly in the path of the Transource transformers which are being placed to carry energy to the substation. The owner's livelihood depends on her riding center and the equity in her farm. The transformer goes through the horses' grazing area and is immediately adjacent to the ring where lessons are conducted. This effectively abolishes her livelihood. She lives in a historic home. A 500 ft transformer will completely destroy the charm of her farm and any resale value, which is her retirement nest egg.

I have 3 grown adults, all in with advanced degrees. They all rode at Holiquin and some of their success is tied into the positive experience this provided. Riders are taught the care and responsibility of a horse, mucking stalls, cleaning tack, caring for the horse. These lessons translate to later life work ethics. As the trainer often observes, proper etiquette in the ring, not riding/obstructing another horse and rider, maintaining proper distance, is great preparation for getting behind the wheel of a car. I would also observe that my 2 daughters were much less focused on boys and more on horses, which I viewed as a highly positive phenomena.

As an older adult and physician, I can also testify to the health benefits for older riders. Riding is a great way to keep fit and Holiquin provides the opportunity for adults of all skill levels to ride in a safe, congenial atmosphere. Holiquin provides a unique niche in the community.

I would also comment on the beauty of the surrounding neighborhood, which will be destroyed by enormous transformers marching through the area.

Finally, as a physician, I do have concerns about the impact on the health of residents surrounded by the transformers.

I would ask that you find a different path for the transformers that don't destroy the livelihood and property values of the residents in this area.

Sincerely,

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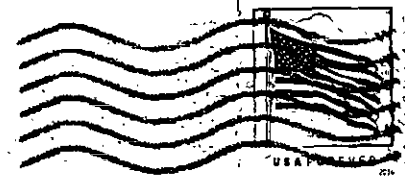
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