

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC :
filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, :
Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and : Docket No. A-2017-_____
Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line :
Associated with the **Independence Energy** :
Connection-West Project in Portions of :
Franklin County, Pennsylvania

NOTICE OF FILING

Transource Pennsylvania, LLC (“Transource PA”) hereby submits Notice that the above-captioned Application was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on December 27, 2017. The purpose of the Application is to seek Commission approval of the siting and construction of the Pennsylvania portion of the Rice-Ringgold 230 kV Transmission Line in portions of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.74(c), you are receiving this Notice because you are the record owner of property within the proposed right-of-way, or represent a Federal, state or local entity identified under 52 Pa. Code § 57.74(c). You are not required to appear or participate in this matter, but you may request Commission permission to intervene.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The proposed Rice-Ringgold 230 kV Transmission Line is part of the Independence Energy Connection Project (“IEC Project”) approved by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”) to

alleviate transmission congestion constraints in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia.¹

The IEC Project approved by PJM involves, among other things, the construction of two new overhead double-circuit 230 kV interstate transmission lines: (1) the Rice-Ringgold 230 kV Transmission Line or the Independence Energy Connection-West Project (“IEC-West Project”); and (2) the Furnace Run-Conastone 230 kV Transmission Line or the Independence Energy Connection-East Project (“IEC-East Project”).

Transource PA is obligated to construct the Pennsylvania portion of the 230 kV transmission lines associated with the IEC Project. Through the above-captioned Application, Transource PA seeks Commission approval of the siting and construction of the Pennsylvania portion of the 230 kV line associated with the IEC-West Project.²

Subject to the Commission’s approval, construction of the IEC-West Project is scheduled to begin as soon as practicable following Commission approval to meet an in-service date of June 1, 2020.

ROUTE FOR THE IEC-WEST PROJECT

Transource PA undertook a detailed siting analysis of feasible alternatives for the IEC-West Project. The goal of the siting analysis was to determine the most suitable route for a new 230 kV transmission line to connect the existing Ringgold Substation located near Smithsburg, Washington County, Maryland to the new Rice Substation to be located in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

¹ Congestion occurs on transmission facilities when there is heavy use of the transmission system in a specific area. When congestion occurs, typically lower-priced energy is prevented from flowing freely to a specific area on the grid because heavy electricity use is causing parts of the grid to operate near its limits. As a result, congestion generally raises the pricing for electricity in congested areas.

² The Pennsylvania portion of the 230 kV transmission line associated with the IEC-East Project is the subject of a separate Siting Application.

The feasible Alternative Routes were compared and a Proposed Route was selected based upon a detailed analysis and balance of human/built concerns, environmental impacts, and engineering and constructability considerations. Based on this detailed evaluation process, Transource PA selected "Alternative Route C" as the Proposed Route for the IEC-West Project because it was the overall best alternative to minimize potential impacts of the transmission line.

The Proposed Route extends approximately 28.8 miles (approximately 24.4 miles in Pennsylvania and approximately 4.4 miles in Maryland). A general description of the Proposed Route is provided below:

- The Proposed Route exits the Rice Substation from the southwest corner and heads south, paralleling the east side of I-81 and spanning along the edge of agricultural fields for approximately 2.2 miles; along this stretch the Proposed Route crosses Mountain Run, designated a Coldwater Fishery ("CWF").
- The Proposed Route turns sharply east to cross SR 696 perpendicularly and travels approximately 0.6 mile to the east-southeast through an agricultural field before turning sharply to the southwest.
- Travelling southwest for 0.7 mile, the Proposed Route crosses Phillaman Run (CWF) and then crosses Black Gap Road (SR 997) in a perpendicular fashion. The Proposed Route traverses for 0.6 mile around the perimeter of the Chambersburg Mall, generally following the outer edge of the parking lot on the northern and eastern sides of the mall, and then heading west to parallel with I-81 again.
- After reaching the eastern side of I-81, the Proposed Route turns sharply south, and parallels the interstate for approximately 1.4 miles and at this location I-81 and the route generally travel in a western direction. Along this section, the Proposed Route traverses the edge of agricultural fields and crosses an unnamed stream (CWF) and the Conococheague Creek (CWF).
- The Proposed Route turns sharply to the southwest and travels 0.4 until it reaches the existing FirstEnergy Corp. ("FE") Letterkenny-Grand Point 138 kV transmission line. The route stays to the east of this system and parallels it south for approximately 1.6 miles toward U.S. Route 30, spanning along agricultural fields, around the Grand Point Substation, and over Walker Road. The Lost Acres Airport is located approximately 0.6 mile west of the route.
- Prior to crossing commercial lined U.S. Route 30, the Proposed Route first crosses over to the west side of the transmission line, which is now the FE Grand Point-Allegheny Energy 138 kV line, and then spans the highway. The route turns sharply

west and then south for 0.5 miles spanning across a parking lot and bypassing around a commercial building. After going around the building, the route again parallels the FE Grand Point-Allegheny Energy 138 kV line for 0.5 mile.

- The Proposed Route deviates from the transmission line corridor for 1.1 mile to bypass around homes along the line. Along this section, the route extends to the southwest and spans Falling Spring Branch (a High Quality-Cold Water Fishery), crosses Falling Spring Road, and traverses through a forested area where homes are present to the east. Within the forest, the route turns south, travels across an agricultural field and spans the FE Grand Point-Allegheny Energy 138 kV line near Henry Lane.
- After crossing this road, the Proposed Route extends to the southeast for approximately 4.6 miles over agricultural fields to Yohe Road, where it intersects with the FE Fayetteville-West Waynesboro 138 kV transmission line. This section involves crossing of two unnamed WWF streams, one CWF stream, several local roadways, and the FE Fayetteville-Allegheny 69 kV line.
- As the Proposed Route crosses Yohe Road, it also spans to the east side of the FE Fayetteville-West Waynesboro 138 kV transmission line and then turns sharply to the south to parallel this existing line for approximately 1.7 mile; an unnamed CWF stream is crossed in this section, as is Stamey Hill Road.
- A 0.6 mile deviation from the colocation is required in the vicinity of the Manheim Road crossing due residential development that has built up adjacent to the transmission line and the route then parallels the existing line for 0.5 miles on the eastern side.
- At Hess Benedict Road, the Proposed Route crosses over to the west side of the FE Fayetteville-West Waynesboro 138 kV transmission line to avoid agricultural and residential structures. The route parallels the line for another 3.7 miles, traversing agricultural fields, crossing Orphanage Road, Wayne Highway (SR 316), and Buchanan Trail East (SR 16), as well as an unnamed CWF stream.
- After crossing SR 16 and spanning the FE Antrim-West Waynesboro 69 kV lines, the Proposed Route turns sharply to the west and parallels this line for approximately 0.4 mile. This stretch includes a crossing of Cold Springs Road and an unnamed CWF stream.
- Turning to the south and then east, the Proposed Route extends for 1.2 miles to Marsh Road. The route traverses an agricultural field to avoid agricultural and residential structures, and crosses an unnamed CWF stream, the FE Reid-West Waynesboro 69 kV line, and the FE Ringgold-West Waynesboro 138 kV line.
- After crossing Marsh Road and an unnamed CWF stream, the Proposed Route turns sharply south to parallel the east side of the FE Ringgold-West Waynesboro 138 kV line for 2.1 miles. The Proposed Route crosses agricultural fields, Hagerstown Road

(SR 316), the FE West Waynesboro-East Waynesboro 138 kV line, and the West Branch Antietam Creek (CWF) along this stretch. The route extends away from the transmission line corridor to avoid residential structures near the southern end of this section prior to crossing Lyons Road.

- Spanning to the west side of the FE Ringgold-West Waynesboro 138 kV line, the Proposed Route turns south and crosses the Pennsylvania/Maryland state line. The route generally parallels the transmission line for approximately 2.6 miles until it intersects with Gardenhour Road. Some deviations are required along this stretch to avoid agricultural operations and structures. The route in this section crosses Rocky Forge Road, Ringgold Pike (SR 418), Poplar Grove Road, and Newcomer Road, as well as numerous crossings of various tributaries to Little Antietam Creek.
- The Proposed Route crosses Gardenhour Road paralleling the existing transmission line for 0.4 miles and traverses through an orchard.
- The Proposed Route extends out for 0.6 mile to the southwest from the transmission line to bypasses around residential structures along Rowe Road and traverses agricultural lands before spanning over to the south side of the FE Reid-Ringgold 138 kV transmission line.
- The Proposed Route turns east for 0.8 mile and extends into the southeastern corner of the Ringgold Substation, spanning the FE Ringgold-East Hagerstown 138 kV transmission line and Smithsburg Pike (MD 64) along the alignment.

The right-of-way for the IEC-West Project is 130 feet in width, but may vary in certain areas in order to accommodate environmental, engineering, and constructability issues, as well as ensure compliance with required clearances. There are a total of 119 different owners (99 in Pennsylvania) of 147 deeded properties (123 in Pennsylvania) along the route selected for the proposed IEC-West Project. Transource PA will continue to negotiate with all affected landowners in an effort to reach a reasonable and mutually acceptable right-of-way agreement and, thereby, avoid the need to condemn rights-of-way across the properties traversed by the IEC-West Project.

MAP

Maps showing the route selected for the IEC-West Project are enclosed. **The tract of land you own is identified on the applicable map.**

EXAMINATION

A complete copy of the Application for the IEC-West Project is available for examination during ordinary business hours at the following locations:

Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library
45 E Main Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Mont Alto Campus Library (Penn State Library)
1 Campus Drive
Mont Alto, PA 17237

John Stewart Memorial Library
1015 Philadelphia Avenue
Chambersburg, PA 17201

PARTICIPATION

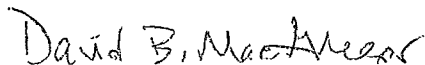
You are not required to appear or participate in this matter, but you may request Commission permission to intervene. To intervene as a formal party to this proceeding, you should file a petition to intervene with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265. The petition to intervene should state your alleged right or interest to participate in the formal proceeding, the grounds of the proposed intervention, and your position regarding the issues in the formal proceeding. A copy of the petition to intervene should be served on the undersigned counsel for Transource PA.

QUESTIONS

In the event you have any questions concerning the proposed IEC-West Project but do not wish to participate as a formal party to the proceeding, you should contact either Lila Munsey, Regulatory Case Manager for Transource PA, at 614-716-6019 or Christopher Wright, legal counsel for Transource PA, at (717) 731-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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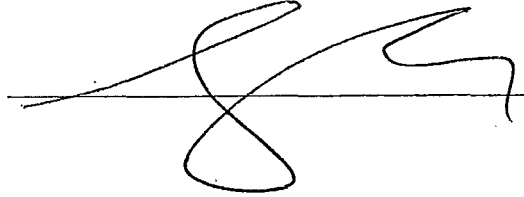
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VERIFICATION

I, Antonio P. Smyth, being the President at Transource Pennsylvania, LLC, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect Transource Pennsylvania, LLC to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 12/26/17



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