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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC

Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Supchapter G

For Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 KV Transmission Line

Associated with the Independence Energy Connection-West Project in Portions of Franklin County

Docket No. A-2017-2640200

**PROTEST**

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, et seq. and 66 Pa. C.S. Sections 1101, et. Seq., Leonard H. and Mary P. Kauffman files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West.

In support of this Protest, Leonard H. and Mary P. Kauffman

1. The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows:

Leonard H. and Mary P. Kauffman

4297 Olde Scotland Road

Chambersburg, PA 17202

2. Owner of directly affected property and business owned by Kauffman family since 1898
3. Construction of this line will decrease property value and cause damage to farming operations. All water on property comes from wells that are shallow; this brings a concern for drilling to place pole foundation. The transfer of stray voltage through bedrock causing well pump damage even electric shock to cattle or family-damage to ground water would be harmful to our animals and wildlife as well as my family. In addition, the ground consists of limestone bedrock making the development of sinkholes possible if disturbed-causing dangerous conditions for us, our animals, and anyone who may need to access the poles. The proposed power line will cross a wet land/flood plain making it possible for lines to have standing water around them-making them dangerous to be around as well as making it difficult if not impossible to get to them for maintenance. By disrupting the soil profile with the installation of the poles, production of field crops will be reduced for years to follow. Modern farm machinery covers large paths allowing farmer fewer passes to complete job while electric poles create obstacles in field meaning valuable crop would have to be run down to avoid poles and thus actually costing us money. The proposed lines will go past our heifer building, possibly causing health and reproductive issues in our herd of cattle due to any stress endured during construction and maintenance and any stray voltage that may come their way (or in the water they drink). The proposed line will run through two parts of farm making us look at gaudy power lines all the time and ruining our rural view that we have grown accustom to in the over 100 years that my family has been on the farm property. In addition, we are within 25 miles of the famous city of Gettysburg, which is rich in history and the proposed line will cross a country road marked Civil War Trail which will tarnish the history profile that this area has to offer the history minded residents and visitors alike. The

proposed line has shown a decreasing cost to benefit ratio and may not save rate payers to our south much benefit. It may also cause utility rates in our area to rise in future. Transource is a private for-profit company and by giving this type of company eminent domain privilege where does this end and what rights do private citizens owning land have? Western Land Services, LLC the company handling contact with property owner have used multiple methods sometimes even threatening legal action to scare local residents to sign the access permit form. The consent harassment and monetary stress is not needed, nor warranted-we did not ask to be disturbed by this project.

4. The proposed line will cause my family permanent loss through decreased property value, damage to business income, damage to property from building to maintaining proposed line, alternate uses company may want to use right of way for, using line to run higher then 230KV per side, ruining rural views, and impacting local government tax base. The burden of this proposed line will be permanent to my family and future generations. The proposed line also shows no benefit to Pennsylvania or local residents. By taking power from the Pennsylvania power grid it could lead to our area paying higher rates.

WHEREFORE, Leonard H. and Mary P. Kauffman respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission hold local hearings in Franklin County, visit affected landowners and investigate cost effectiveness of proposed line and burden to local community. Effectively we look to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to deny the filing for the proposed line.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leonard H. Kauffman*  
*Mary P. Kauffman*

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**VERIFICATION**

We, Leonard H. and Mary P. Kauffman, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect 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 Pa. C.S 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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(Signature)

*Leonard H. Kauffman*  
*Mary P. Kauffman*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

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