

RECEIVED

2018 FEB 14 AM 10:35

PA PUC  
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

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.*, [Name of Protestant, or party filing the Protest] files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West.

In support of this Protest, [Name of Protestant] avers as follows:

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

Leah M Markus

7641 Burkholder RD

Waynesboro PA 17268

2. I am a resident of Franklin County. The transmission line is proposed to travel less than a mile, and within sight of, my family home.

I work in my family business, which is located on the same property.

3. As part of my family's business, The Herb Corner, I raise bees in hives. I do this to introduce these pollinators locally, to help plants and agriculture. In addition, I use the wax to make soaps and other articles. The EMF radiation from high voltage electric lines has a markedly adverse effect on bees and their life cycles. In addition, the spraying of herbicide and insecticide in the local area will be increased, since the vegetation underneath the transmission lines must be kept clear.

I also maintain an organice garden for produce to both sell and for my family's consumbtion. The previously mentioned spraying techniques would be detrimental for organic gardens. Because we also buy from local farmer's markets, we have an active interest in keeping our farmlands, orchards, and other agricultural entities intact.

As a life-long resident, I am an active hiker and camper, and enjoy other outdoor recreational acitivities. The views and landscapes that I adore will be forever ruined, if this project is approved.

4. As a Certified Natural Health Practitioner and proponent for mainitaining a healthy natural environment, I am appalled at the above proposal and am asking that Transource be denied any right of ways through Franklin County that they are requesting. I live less than a mile from the proposed route, and I am very concerned about the adverse health effects from these high voltage power lines. I can cite article after article which show the detrimental effects on any living beings that are unlucky enough to have to spend time around these wires. I am also aware of aerial and other spraying of toxic insecticides that would need to be sprayed beneath these wires and that this could result in the death of my beehives and swarms. I have read studies citing that EMF radiation will harm pollinators, which are already stressed by mites. Pollinators are so important to the agriculture and gardening of this beautiful area. Our fruits, vegetables and grains feed humans and animals, and bees are vital to the

production of all! This man-made monstrosity, which is being proposed solely for profit and NOT for any necessity to anyone, is threatening to destroy what we hold dear.

WHEREFORE, Leah Markus respectfully requests that you say NO! to the application cited. I also respectfully request that public meetings be held locally, instead of in Harrisburg. Franklin County will stand together. Please vote no on this proposal, for the health and livelihood of all.

Respectfully submitted,



[Signature of Protestant]

Dated: 2/12/2018

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230kV Transmission Line Associated with the Independence Energy Connection-West Project in Portions of Franklin County, Pennsylvania Docket No. A-2017-2640200

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:

Dated 2/12/2018

SERVICE BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

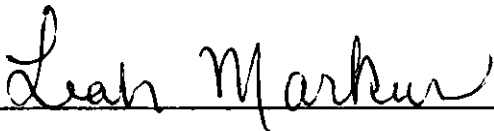
RECEIVED  
2018 FEB 14 AM 10:35  
PA PUC  
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Barnes  
The Honorable Andrew M. Calvelli  
Administrative Law Judges  
Service PO Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Amanda Riggs Conner, Esq.  
Hector Garcia, Esq.  
American Electric Power  
1 Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

David B. MacGregor, Esq.  
Christopher T. Wright, Esq.  
Anthony D. Kanagy, Esq.  
Post & Schell PC  
17 North Second Street, 12th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601

Antonio Smyth  
Transource Pennsylvania LLC  
1 Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215



[Signature of Protestant]

RECEIVED  
2018 FEB 14 AM 10:35  
PA PUC  
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

#### VERIFICATION

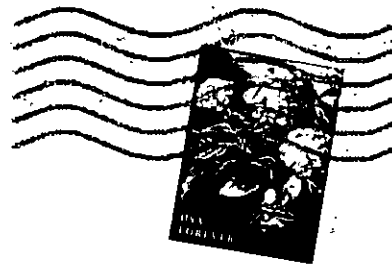
I, [Name of Protestant], hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 2/12/2018



HARRISBURG PA 171

13 FEB 2018 PM 3 L



Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Secretary's Bureau  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

17120-007999

