

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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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.*, Kimberly Calimer files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, K Calimer avers as follows:

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

Kimberly Calimer

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Chambersburg, PA 17202

2. As a resident within close proximity of the proposed transmission line, your decisions will directly affect my health and well-being.

As a resident of Franklin County, your decisions will directly affect my financial security.

As a home-owner and property owner in Franklin County within close proximity of the proposed transmission lines, your decisions will directly affect my financial security.

As an electric company rate payer, your decisions will directly affect my utility rates.

As a tax-paying citizen, voter, and steward of my property, I am concerned about my individual rights, under the law and the Constitution of PA, as well as the rights of my neighbors, friends, and fellow

citizens.

3. I am filing this protest for a myriad of reasons. The statements below do not begin to state all of my objections, but do contain primary concerns.

As a resident within close proximity of the proposed transmission line, your decisions will directly affect my health and well-being because of the harmful effects of EMF's and because of the stress and mental/emotional distress the disruption of the landscape will cause.

As a resident of Franklin County, your decisions will directly affect my financial security, as tourism, agriculture, farming, and recreational activities/facilities will be negatively affected. This unnecessary and unwanted project also reduces tax base for my township, town, and school district. Construction and excavation will damage local roads and properties, repair of which will be passed on to local residents.

As a home-owner and property owner in Franklin County within close proximity of the proposed transmission lines, your decisions will directly affect my financial security. It is a fact that property values will be diminished by this project- not only on those properties directly affected, but on the surrounding communities. I, and many of my neighbors, depend on well water. Drilling for monstrous monopoles and tripod towers could affect the underground water table, affecting wells and springs. High voltage power lines have not been proven safe to local residents.

As an electric company rate payer, your decisions will directly affect my utility rates. Transource's project will have zero benefit to Franklin County, but will have a huge negative impact. Construction of this line passes on to rate payers (even though energy not for use in PA) and will increase electric bills. Additionally, competition for formerly cheaper PA gas fired power with areas south will result in higher rates.

As a tax-paying citizen, voter, and steward of my property, I am concerned about my individual rights, under the law, as well as the rights of my neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens. People will be forced to sell their land's right of way against their wishes. Most are not well-to-do and cannot afford legal counsel. This is a "market efficiency" project and not necessary to anyone- except to make profits for Transource. There is no shortage of power or reliability of transmission in any area. Because this project is for profit only, it is a disgrace that the good citizens of Franklin County are even put in this position of fighting for their own land, against an outside company.

4. My late husband and I bought our home in 1988. One of the big selling points and one of the benefits we have always enjoyed has been the view that is as beautiful as a postcard, in all four seasons of the year. My farmer neighbors have always been good stewards of their land, as have we. We have worked hard, paid taxes, voted as good citizens, raised our children, and followed the Golden Rule. I was appalled to learn of the proposed Power Line project cited above. I am proud to band together with my good neighbors and friends to send the message that Franklin County is not for sale- especially not for this project. Transource, a private for-profit business, is trying to take Franklin County lands, belonging to our friends and neighbors, through the use of eminent domain. This private, for-profit company proposes to erect 25 miles of 135 foot tall towers (30 stories!), spaced at 5 to 6 towers per mile from one end of the county to the other! This proposed "market efficiency" project supposedly benefits utility customers in Baltimore, DC, and VA- not by providing additional electricity, but by providing slightly "cheaper" electricity....all at Franklin County's expense!!! This is an unnecessary project. If approved, this project will not create jobs or provide any other benefits to Franklin County.

Our environment, once damaged and lost to this project, is irrecoverable! Approval of this project would result in the destruction of scenic beauty and view sheds. For thirty years I have walked the roads and lanes of my immediate area. The proposed transmission line would be directly on this route, less than 1/4 mile from my property. I cannot begin to imagine or describe what the approval of this project would do to me, as a person. I would lose all faith in the government entities that are supposed to protect and regulate in the best interest of the public. We are all entitled to the pursuit of life liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This application proposal is NOT in the BEST INTEREST of Franklin County. It would destroy our rural heritage and take advantage of the good people who live here.

Article 1, Section 27 of the PA Constitution states: The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment.

Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

(May 18, 1971, P.L.769, J.R.3)

It is quite obvious that the approval of the transmission line application would not only interfere with, but would obliterate my right as a citizen to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the natural,

scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment, which we call home.

I have lived many places and have traveled extensively. I know for a fact that Franklin County is one of the most beautiful places in the world. I want to do everything in my power to keep it that way. I know that we need to protect our rural heritage and our landscapes for future generations. After raising three children in Franklin County, I want to take my grandchildren on a Sunday drive and show them the lovely country that is their birthright- NOT see three-story high, dangerous electric towers. I want, and deserve, to continue to hike to White Rocks and look out over a pristine view, spotting my house in the distance. I want, and deserve, to continue to take my daily walks and runs with the dog without being forced to see or pass under and unsightly, buzzing, dangerous power line. My neighbors and fellow citizens deserve this, as well.

WHEREFORE, Kimberly Calimer respectfully requests the PA Public Utility Commission NOT APPROVE the filing. I also respectfully request that any public hearings be held in Franklin County, so that citizens can more easily attend to voice their concerns and show their support for STOPPING the Power Lines.

Respectfully submitted,



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:

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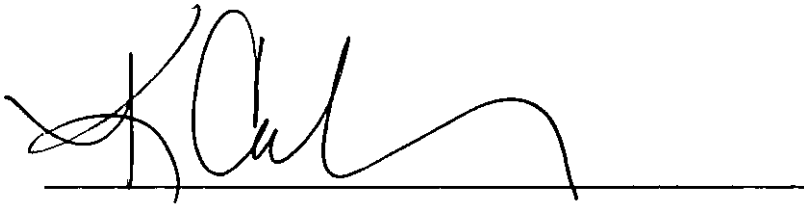
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VERIFICATION

I, Kimberly Calimer, 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

(Signature)



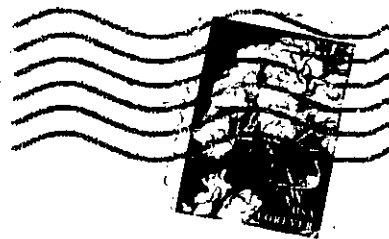


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