

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.*, Colby and Leah Nitterhouse file this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Colby and Leah Nitterhouse aver as follows:

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

Colby and Leah Nitterhouse  
2479 Newcomer Road  
Chambersburg, PA 17202

2. The proposed powerline route crosses our 63 acre estate diagonally, stretching approximately a half of a mile.

3. We strongly oppose this project for several reasons:

- The ability to develop and use our property as we had intended when we purchased our land would be stolen from us.

- Our property value will significantly decrease.
- The views of our property and the surrounding land will be destroyed.
- The 230kV transmission line will impose controversial health and safety risks to our family, including our two young children.
- There is no apparent need for this project and our area will not see any resulting benefit.

4. The reasons for which we oppose this project are further supported as follows:

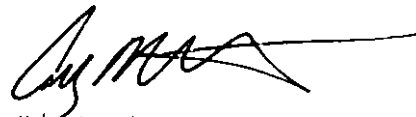
- We did not buy our 63 acre property to farm it. We bought it so that we would be surrounded by untouched land and have the ability to manage it in whichever way we pleased to do so. It was our hope that one day our children or grandchildren would be able to build on our estate. The proposed route of the transmission line would take this freedom from us. The line crosses our property diagonally and would destroy the possibility for this to happen.
- We recently renovated our pre-1790s farmhouse and invested over 1.5 million dollars into our home and property. It is a terrible feeling to know the amount of hard work and money that have been poured into our property and to in turn, find out that our property can no longer be used for the purpose we intended. We will be losing value that cannot be replaced by any monetary compensation.
- The transmission line will destroy our dream of living in the midst of pristine, untouched land. If this project is approved, we will look out of our front door to see 13 story tall, metal towers less than 500 feet from our house. Several towers would be needed to span our property. If we wanted to live in a city, we would have chosen to do so and not have someone else determine it for us.
- Our sons' health and safety are the most important factors in our lives. A 230kV transmission line puts their health at risk due to the constant exposure to electromagnetic radiation. The

conflicting evidence that is found is disheartening. Conclusions of studies researching the health effects of electromagnetic radiation from powerlines state that this subject is complicated, more research is needed, and that this issue will continue to be an area of public concern. None of which are comforting to parents who do everything in their power to keep their children healthy.

- This project is said to benefit the Baltimore/Washington DC area however the project negatively impacts landowners and residents of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Residents in Franklin County will receive little to no benefit from this project and the cost of the project will potentially increase our taxes.

WHEREFORE, Colby and Leah Nitterhouse respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission not approve the filing 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Colby Nitterhouse



Leah Nitterhouse

Dated: February, 8 2018

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**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

We hereby certify that we 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 February 8, 2018

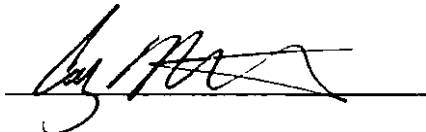
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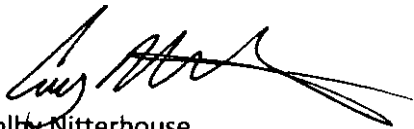
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**VERIFICATION**

We, Colby and Leah Nitterhouse, 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 we expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. We understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: February, 8 2018

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Colby Nitterhouse

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