

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.*, Justin P.

Dunlap and Sharla E. Dunlap files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Justin P. Dunlap and Sharla E. Dunlap avers as follows:

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

Justin P. Dunlap and Sharla E. Dunlap

8015 Hidden Valley Lane

Waynesboro PA 17268

2. We are lifelong residents of Franklin County. We are utility ratepayers in the state of Pennsylvania and are directly affected property and business owners. The proposed route will run approximately 300 feet from our brand-new residence and home-based business.
3. There are many reasons with which we are basing the filing of this Protest. Our reasons are as follows in no order of importance:
 - a) Likely increase in current utility rates
 - b) The questionable and unproven need for this project
 - c) Potential associated health risks
 - d) Destruction of the quality of life at our home and surroundings
 - e) Home, business and property devaluation
 - f) Infringement upon our constitutional rights as property owners and taxpayers

4. Per the law of supply and demand, as Pennsylvania's lower cost energy is introduced into a more competitive marketplace it will most certainly result in higher utility bills for the people of Franklin County. The ones who will already be paying the ultimate price through the loss of land, livelihood, and environmental impact. Neither Transource nor PJM have been willing/able to specify who exactly will save money. If there are millions of dollars to be saved, it would be nice to know who, exactly, will see that savings.

In addition to increased rates, the need for this project has yet to be proven. No one in the service area is without access to electricity. A direct quote from Abby Foster in the Baltimore Sun September 2017 stated that the IEC Project is "not related to improving grid reliability but is about market efficiency." PJM's own studies indicate a continued decreased demand on the grid. Electric pathways and sources of generation are changing and the perceived "congestion" is diminished. If demand is decreasing, and there are no issues with reliability, what is the need for this new transmission line? The benefit/cost ratio of this project has already decreased 46% in the past 2 years. Another year from now there may be no benefit at all. Unfortunately, Franklin County will still deal with the detrimental effects left behind by these massive high-voltage lines.

AEP has admitted to and created a video about "random and uncomfortable shocks" from stray voltage. This is unacceptable as a home and business owner. A family should not be subjected to this. As for our business, this is a huge concern as well. Additionally, per the prior mentioned Transource newsletter dated December 2017, "Numerous studies have been conducted and, as a body of work, are inconclusive that EMF produced by power lines has any causal relation to health conditions or disease in humans or animals." *Inconclusive* is not good enough for us, our children, or future generations who will be living less than 300 feet from this line.

There are errors present in the filing. Despite several contacts with Transource and returned mailings, current documentation and maps still do not recognize that our home even exists. There continues to be no indication that anyone lives in what appears to be an "undeveloped" area. Per

AEPtransmission.com, "Preliminary study segments are developed based on all publicly available data, seeking to limit impacts by identifying the most direct path that attempts to avoid known constraints with special emphasis on avoiding homes..." It's very difficult to believe this is true when maps that are being used have not been updated for several years. Updated maps would show a much different picture and may have possibly lead to Transource considering the multiple pleas made to move the line away from homes.

The quality of life that my family chose by moving to our current home will be lost. We recently built our home in the country. We currently have a beautiful view of the valley and mountains from the back of our home. In August 2017, just 3 months prior to moving into our newly built home, we learned of the IEC project. The plans that we have and the activities that we choose to participate in in our own back yard will be greatly restricted, some even impossible. We already have an existing right of way currently on our property. We are already doing our part in getting electricity to our community. We are now being told we must do more. Although the current distribution line is much smaller both in kv and in structural size than what is now proposed, the second right of way will further impact and restrict activities on our land and will drastically degrade the view shed that we moved here to enjoy. Imagine spending time on the back porch or by the pool under high voltage lines.

We feel the use of eminent domain for a market efficiency project is an infringement on the constitutional rights of the citizens of Franklin County and the state of Pennsylvania as a whole. It is inexcusable to allow a for-profit, "shell" transmission company to be conceived by one of the largest generating companies in the country for the purpose of selling the energy they produce and allowing them to take the land of hard working citizens to do so. Despite other submitted proposals for upgrades, etc., none will benefit AEP as significantly as IEC. This is a money-making venture at the rate payers expense.

Franklin County has been documented by PJM and Transource as "undeveloped land" with "little public opposition" to this line. That could not be further from the truth. The final proposed route for the Independence West project travels through the farmland of many German Baptist and Mennonite citizens ("the path of least resistance.") Due to religious convictions, these groups will not legally oppose the use of their land for this project. This must not be mistaken as a lack of public opposition. These groups are being taken advantage of due to their religious beliefs and Transource will continue to use this to their advantage. Again, an intrusion upon constitutional rights and the beauty and comfort of which we all call home.

Any significant benefit to Franklin County or Pennsylvania in general has yet to be proven. In loss of property values, tax base and environmental harm we will shoulder the burden of this project, forever. Benefit will only ever be seen by huge power markets outside of the state of Pennsylvania. Personally, our lives and dreams will never be the same. The harm that will be done to our land and property values will continue in perpetuity. There is no compensation that can ever be offered that will make up for property devaluation and the negative impact to our home, environment and view shed. Future generations will live with the decisions that are made. Our children will never again enjoy the unspoiled views of some of the most beautiful vistas in Franklin County.

WHEREFORE, Justin P. Dunlap and Sharla E. Dunlap respectfully request the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission hold local hearings and conduct site visits so that the impacts of this project can be viewed first hand. It is our sincere request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission meticulously investigate and subsequently deny the filing of Transource, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

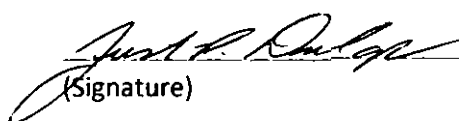
Just E. Dunlap
Sharon E. Dunlap

Dated: February 9, 2018

VERIFICATION

I, Justin P. Dunlap and Sharla E. Dunlap, 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: February 9, 2018

 Sharla E. Dunlap
(Signature)

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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

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 February 9, 2018

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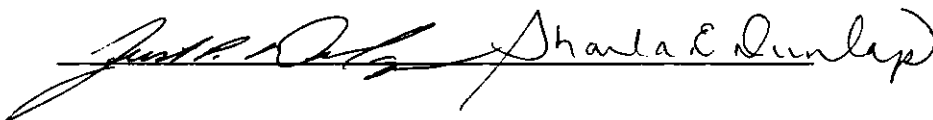
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