

**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., Micheal D.Cordell files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West.

In support of this Protest, Micheal D Cordell avers as follows:

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

Micheal D. Cordell

4219 Altenwald Road

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2. Landowner of property adjacent to proposed line and son of directly affected property owners
3. My parents have lived on the family dairy farm for at least 40 years; they have seen many changes come to the area-some better than others, but their beautiful scenic landscape and property value has never been impacted as much as it would be with the proposed power lines. My four children were basically raised on their farm, learning the important lessons in life that only farm life can provide; I never had to worry about their safety while they were there or the potential health effects they may incur from a power line. My first grandchild is due soon and I would no longer be able to say that I would not worry for his safety due to the health concerns I feel may be incurred due to high voltage power lines being put on the family farm; this is very disheartening for me. The proposed route will intersect two parts of our family farm to our west-directly intersecting our heifer pasture as well as past my parents' home and near our heifer sheds. By intersecting our heifer pasture, it concerns me of the risks to my heifers and their well-being having something that high of voltage that close to them-especially since they are all pregnant in that pasture-there are so many unknown health risks to not only our heifers, but their unborn calves as well. Also, should some one need to be in to perform maintenance or repairs on the pole causes me concern-not everyone has experience with livestock and they can act unpredictably when scared. We are not home every minute of the day to make sure the heifers are locked in and I absolutely am not comfortable having a stranger in with my valuable livestock while we are not there. In addition, my parents are both in their seventies, and should not have to amend their daily plans to allow someone to impede on the land they have worked their whole lives to have. The proposed line will basically cut over half of our fields in half- we will lose a large portion of crop ground through the construction process and any maintenance

of the power line thereafter. The damage and loss of crops during those processes will surely have a negative impact on the profits of the farm in an already difficult economy. Any poles that are placed in fields will be an obstacle to farm around and more damage may be caused to crops while doing our due diligence to care for those crops. For example, spraying for weed/pest control will be hindered and more rows run down with equipment when trying to complete these accepted farming practices, hence lowering production in those fields. In addition, farm machinery has gotten larger to allow fewer passes to save time and money and cause less compaction in the soil; trying to farm around those poles in our already small fields will be impossible with the size of equipment that the average farmer uses today, making those fields useless to us. The use of heavy machinery during construction and maintaining of power lines will destroy soil profiles through compaction and digging of right of way making ground less productive for years after construction. This will cause grain reductions resulting in economic losses to our business.

Another challenge we will face as production farmers will be health and reproduction of heifers that we sell as dairy replacement animals. The first negative effect we will see with our heifers would be during the construction of the lines; the loud equipment and numerous people in their sight will disrupt their daily routines and cause them stress. When dairy animals that are stressed and upset are less likely to breed and will not reach their full potential as they normally would if not disrupted, thus not bringing in as much money when they are sold. Secondary effect would be the long-term exposure to the power lines; the effects of this type of line will have adverse effects on the well-being of our production animals. Once we get through all the money loss from the building and maintaining of the proposed power line, then we have to come to the realization that this will reduce property value- the proposed route will intersect some of the best farm soils in local area, making them less marketable should a time come when we would need to sell. These power lines will also intersect highly populated areas such as shopping centers and housing developments, which are all critical to local government tax base- so we as farmers are not the only ones who will be adversely affected-anyone who pays taxes will be affected.

In addition to all of those concerns I have for my family's farm, I myself as a property owner adjacent to the proposed lines am very much concerned-I raise horses on my property and am just as concerned for their well-being with these lines. Horses, just like dairy cows do not like disruptions to their daily routines and can become excited and unpredictable causing injury to themselves as well as other people. I also am concerned that my property value will decrease due to these unsightly lines-I would no longer be able to categorize it as a beautiful country landscape.

4. Personally, my family is being put in harm's way to provide an efficiency project to populated areas south of us-this is not a necessity project for people without power. My daughter and son-in-law are having my first grandchild and worrying with the same thing on their farm; all the worry and stress they are enduring with this makes me worry as a parent for my child and unborn grandchild-robbing me of this wonderful experience becoming a grandfather for the very first time. I worry as a son for my parents that they are going to have to deal with strange people coming onto their land at all hours causing them to be concerned and put their health in danger as well. The beautiful land that I have spent my entire adult life cultivating will be raped by large equipment and these unsightly power lines will impair the quiet landscape that we love. If I wanted to see power lines and buildings

and have unwanted guests, I would live in a more populated area. The proposed power lines are causing unnecessary stress on my family and myself-I do not need to endure stress as I already have enough health issues. We certainly did not ask for our livelihoods and lives to be disrupted in such a vicious manner, so why should we have to endure this? We gain nothing but headaches and hideous views.

WHEREFORE, Micheal D. Cordell respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to investigate the cost benefit of the project and long term effect on local utility rates. We also ask that hearings be held in Franklin County and Administrative Law Judges visit directly affected properties to speak with families. Our final relief is that Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission does not approve proposed power line.

Respectfully submitted,

Micheal D Cordell

February 10, 2018

VERIFICATION

I, Micheal D. Cordell, 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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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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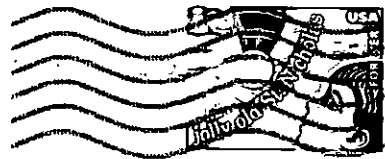

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