

**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.*, Anne and Brendan Finucane files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Anne & Brendan Finucane aver as follows:

1. The name and contact information of the Protestants are as follows:

Anne H. and Brendan P. Finucane, 2760 Springview Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202

2. The Independence Energy Connection-West would run directly in front of our home, approximately 200 feet away. Being a modest dwelling that overlooks the entire width of the Cumberland Valley, our home's view is its primary value, and that value will be radically reduced if the power line is constructed. Being 65 and 71, we are looking at our home as a primary asset, and when we are of an age when we need to move to a retirement facility, we will have a very difficult time selling it for what we had planned – if anyone at all would even buy it! In the aggregate, the value of the hundreds of other houses facing this power line would be similarly affected, and our community as a whole will be negatively impacted by the losses in tax revenues due to this reduction property values.

3. In addition to the decreased value of our home, the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors will be negatively affected. The construction of towers will involve heavy machinery that will damage roads, and impose the remediation cost on us local taxpayers. I am also very concerned about the heavy use of



herbicides that will be used around the towers, to keep brush from growing up around them; this would inevitably migrate onto our property. There is also a concern that the radiation could be harmful to pollinators, which are already severely stressed by mites and pesticides.

4. As stated above, we would be greatly affected by the construction of this power line. The financial distress it would cause would be considerable, and as an artist (Anne) and lovers of nature, the damage to the view would be complete and irreparable. As concerned citizens and active participants in tourism efforts in Franklin County, we cannot imagine that this project would not greatly impact – negatively – the popularity of our agricultural and historical tourism projects. This power line is a project the benefits of which have not been convincingly proven: **slightly lower prices for residents in states to the south of us cannot compensate for the huge damage being done to us in Franklin County.** And this is not temporary: this power line would be a blight on our lives every day; it would never go away, and cannot be modified in any way to make it less damaging: this is destruction, and it is forever.

WHEREFORE, Anne & Brendan respectfully request the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission not to approve this power line, and we ask that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission investigate and hold full hearings regarding its construction.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Finucane
Brendan J. Finucane

Dated: February 16, 2018

VERIFICATION

We, Anne & Brendan Finucane hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of our 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.

Date: February 16, 2018

Anne M. Finucane & Brendan P. Finucane

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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 16, 2018

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