

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC

Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Sup-chapter 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., Wayne Lehman, Lester Lehman, Lehman Family Farm files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Wayne Lehman, Lester Lehman, Lehman Family Farm, avers as follows:

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

Wayne Lehman, Lester Lehman, Lehman Family Farm

686 Mower Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

2. Farming is a big business in Franklin County and the IEC is proposed to dissect productive fields and lower their productivity in perpetuity. Farmland is not "undeveloped" as IEC asserts but fully developed to its highest and best purpose – feeding America! While no one would propose running a new electric transmission line right through the middle of a productive industrial factory, that is exactly what has been proposed for our farm factories. A new transmission right-of-way will lower property

values, unnecessarily burden farm and other small businesses in its path, blight the bucolic landscape that supports local tourism, and intrude on preserved land. Many farms in Franklin County are multi-generational farms that have been owned by the same family for decades. Much of a farmer's wealth is tied up in his land the same way others may have wealth tied up in a retirement account. Adding new impediments to that land which will affect its future usefulness and marketability is the same as raiding the farmer's 401(K) account. How much must Franklin County's farmers sacrifice to reduce the electric bill of a Washington, D.C resident by just a few cents?

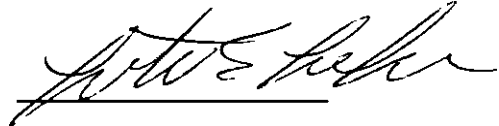
The IEC puts the financial goals of the wealthy and politically connected ahead of the livelihood of politically disadvantaged Pennsylvanians, and we ask that you stand up for our interests and deny this project.

3. The benefit from this project will provide negligible savings for those in the DC, Northern Virginia, and some areas of Baltimore. Residents in Pennsylvania will actually see an increase in their electric bill as they will now compete with larger cities to the south for their formerly cheaper PA gas fired power. This is a "market efficiency" project and not necessarily to "keep the lights on". There is no shortage of power in the areas this project this project is supposedly benefiting.

4. It has been proven that high voltage power lines will decrease property values as much as 50%, not just for the properties they are placed but the surrounding properties as well. That is IF the properties can be sold. Many people in the area depend on equity on their homes/farms to finance their retirement when they decide to downsize. Retirement assets will be greatly decreased as a result of this high voltage transmission line.

Wherefore, Wayne Lehman, Lester Lehman, Lehman Family Farm respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission not approve the filing and deny the project

Respectfully submitted,



Dated February 13, 2018

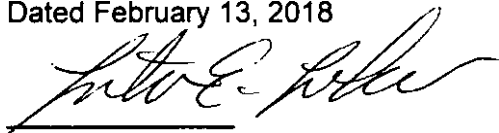
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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:

Dated February 13, 2018



Lester E. Lehman

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VERIFICIATION

I, Lester Lehman, 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 13, 2018

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