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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.*, Allen and Lori Rice files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Allen and Lori Rice avers as follows:

Allen and Lori Rice

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our employees health. We are not willing to find out who may or may not be correct. The increased risks of servicing and fueling equipment anywhere near the line is a great safety concern. Nuisance shocks for the family, employees and livestock are a grave concern.

We are Allen and Lori Rice owners of 1430 Henry Lane, Property owners, business, owners and ratepayers. We raise our five children here and run multiple businesses off this property. The multiple businesses here on our agricultural land have been carefully and mystothicly thought out and developed to work hand in hand with each other. We raise crops here, feed and raise dairy cattle, make compost, maintain and repair equipment and have and in home salon and wellness center. The crops grown here are used to feed the cattle here and some is sold to market. The cattle are contracted and grown out for yardage compensation. The compost business uses the " waste " from the cattle side to produce the a rich high quality compost sold to nurseries and vegetable growers. The repair business takes care of all these operations needs and some others. The salon business brings in folks from the city to the county environment that they love so much to have the salon and wellness experience. We also practice organic non gmo gardening and raise organic chickens to feed our family.

We have chosen to live here due to the lay of the land and the open space to design and expand all of our farming operations and other businesses. The possibility of erecting these massive comercial structures into our clear skyline and the noise emitted from the lines is gut wrenching at best.

The salon and Wellness center business attached to the home is currently in the last phase of construction where we will offer additional wellness services. The folks that patronize the business come to the country from the city to get away from the traffic, noise, and the commercial structures in the sky line. To place a commercial high voltage power line with its huge structures in the sky line and the noise emittance on or near the property will most definitely reduce the atmosphere that we have created that these people come to enjoy. It has cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars to build and create this atmosphere.

We Produce crops in our farming operation that are used to feed the cattle and some crops go to market. We use precision farming and best management practices for soil, water, weed and pest control, additionally we use no till and cover crop practices. The construction and placement of these transmission structures including how one might maintain and access structures will impact our operation in the following ways by, Create problems for turning field machinery and maintaining efficient fieldwork patterns, Create opportunities for weed and other pest encroachment, Compact soils and damage soil, Hindering or preventing aerial spraying or seeding activities by planes or helicopters, creating safety hazards while maintaining machinery in the area, Hindering future consolidation of farm fields. Producing crops today is very expensive and takes into account so many delicate facets and if any one is disturbed or interrupted it can cause failure to the crop. A crop failure can cause huge financial losses to a cropping business.

The crops we grow we to feed cattle for yardage compensation as part of our livelihood. In today's cattle and farming economics we are constantly expanding upon the existing infrastructure that we have previously built and bought in order to stay financially viable. This means buildings and facilities used to house cattle, feed cattle, remove waste and care for cattle have already been established, to suddenly be limited upon expansion where the existing infrastructure has been built and established is a detrimental blow to the business. As the cattle business is set to expand so does follow suit with the compost business using the waste. To Put such an easement and structures in the center of our agricultural land will limit future expansion just as it would at a manufacturing facility/ park. Here again millions of dollars have been invested for the currant stages and future stages of the farming operation.

The other major concern to any cattle business is stray voltage. The configuration of placing new transmission lines parallel, co-located near distribution lines have been identified to pick up induced voltages as identified by other transmission companies and electrical engineers. The risks to cattle from stray voltage can ruin a cattle enterprise, you don't have to look too far to find documented cases. Stray voltage is taken very seriously and can have detrimental financial effects to a cattle business.

We use the waste products from the cattle and the cattle bedding to make compost, a rich natural soil additive. This business has been steadily expanding over the last 5 years following suit to the cattle. Our compost product is used in many organic operations, these operations are certified by several various organizations that are hired to to do just that How that works is these organizations will then look and review and monitor all inputs that are used in that operation including compost that we produce. The certifying organization then visits our site and reviews our production process and facility to make sure we comply, meeting the stringent expectations set forth. Yet again a very delicate process, any slight upset or disturbances to the process such as weed or pest transmission, and just the relative location of the structure could be cause for loss of certifying use. Here again huge sums of dollars have been invested for the current operation and tommorows growing trend.

Despite what the "leading" health experts are paid to say, we do feel strongly that living and working next to high voltage power lines do pose a risk to our health, our children's health and our employees health. We are not willing to find out who may or may not be correct. The increased risks of servicing and fueling equipment anywhere near the line is a great safety concern. Nuisance shocks for the family, employees and livestock are a grave concern.

As affected ratepayers of Pennsylvania our research shows that there is no benefit to us. We only carry the cost of the project as ratepayers. PA utilities are to pay their share of the cost to install the proposed transmission line which will be passed on to all rate paying customers in their now "unbundled" transmission component charges. No one has been able to demonstrate how the stated multi-million dollar "cost savings" proposed by Transource could actually be passed back to the typical PA electric customer. Again No one has been able to show how the costs to be added to the transmission rate component for local electric customers due to paying their calculated fair share of the transmission upgrade will come back to PA customers versus the market efficiency savings benefitting and being distributed amongst power marketers and financial institutions in the receiving State and region. With these major questions left with no answers and we are left based on the facts that this project is not in our best interest as ratepayers.

This project will cost our family farm far more than the meagar amount of money that will be obtainable by placing an easement. The effects of this project will be felt for generations to come. The effects on our farm and businesses are not taken into account. For Transource to describe (filling quote) "the vast majority of the project is located on undeveloped land" they have then already said they are not prepared to take into account all the effects that this project will have on our property and businesses. Transource is not equipped or financed to deal with developed farmland and civilized folks as they have been proving that with their harassing land agents. Transource has openly admitted that cost to benefit ratio has dramatically declined since it was originally prepared. If taken into account the cost burden of the landowners and ratepayers and that without the fact that most all projects go over budget, there is no question in our mind that this project does not have a benefit only cost. With PJM's seemly defiant lack of transparency openly seen in the courts recently we plead to the honorable commissioners to make PJM and Transource transparent for all to see, show the need with real numbers and take into real account for what is truly being taken and the cost associated. When is enough enough? When Does the American Dream meet corporate Greed?

WHEREFORE, Allen and Lori Rice respectfully request that this project be denied in whole based on the truth. As affected landowners we are requesting that all hearings be held here locally in Franklin County. Please hold full hearings regarding the filing. We also are requesting site visits by the Judges to see first hand how this affects us. We will not be making any voluntary agreements for the use and destruction of our property.

Respectfully Submitted,

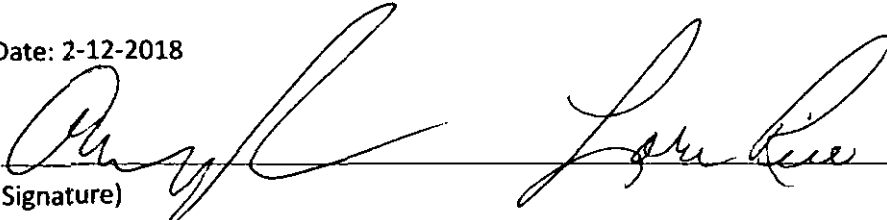
Allen and Lori Rice

Date: 2-12-2018

VERIFICATION

I, Allen and Lori Rice, 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: 2-12-2018


(Signature)

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