

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC

Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter 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.*, Rodney A Meyer and Karen I Benedict file this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Rodney A Meyer and Karen I Benedict aver as follows:

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

Rodney A Meyer and Karen I Benedict, 5419 Manheim Rd, Waynesboro, PA 17268. We use this address for mailing purposes only.

2. The proposed Transource Transmission Line and its accompanying Right of Way passes directly through the property on which we live at 5413 Manheim Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268. We are husband and wife and own this property in common.

3. We are concerned that the proposal if allowed will decrease our property value and that the subsequent proposed reimbursement by Transource will not be commensurate for the damage. We are concerned that the project will have a harmful effect on the hydrology of our property and adjacent property. We are also concerned that the project will have a destructive impact on the Landscape, Archeologic and Historic heritages of our property and the adjacent properties.

4. We are concerned about the impact that the project will have on the value of our property. We are both in our sixties, nearing full retirement age, and are counting on our equity in our home for our retirement years. We already have a 128 KW transmission line on our property, but it has been there for years and was there when we purchased the property. The addition of another Line and ROW of the magnitude that this project represents will have a much greater impact. The line will cross the corner of our parcel within 450 feet of our house, the ROW within 380 feet of the house, and directly over a pasture currently seasonally used for horses. It will continue through our neighbor's fields northward in full view to the north and east, until it disappears out of sight. Anyone living here will be subject to the buzzing of the lines on the many humid days we experience throughout the year. These effects will seriously impact the desirability of our property, which at present is enhanced by its quiet, secluded location. As these qualities are hard to put a price on, we are not assured that we will receive adequate value for their loss if we are forced to sell the ROW for the project.

Our domestic water supply is a spring that has been in continuous use since there has been a house on the property, before the 1800's, and owing to the great number of Indian artifacts (spear points, arrow heads, etc.) that we find regularly near the spring, we suspect by Native Indian tribes prior to that. As springs are a shallow water source, we are concerned that the drilling that must be done to erect the poles and towers for the line will damage the hydrology which supplies the near surface water to our spring. The cost of well drilling cannot be very difficult to estimate, and we are not assured that if our spring fails that Transource would make good on providing us with a suitable and adequate replacement water supply.

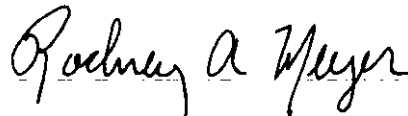
The viewshed of our property will be forever altered by the construction of this power line. Since there is a bend in the line approximately 400 feet east of our house, we fear a 135' lattice structure will be required to be placed there. As it is uphill from our house, it will tower over our house and the property.

As far as we know no archeological or historic surveys have been done of ours and the adjacent properties, but we do know that numerous Indian and Civil War artifacts have been found here over the years. In addition to the aforementioned numerous Indian artifacts regularly unearthed, a cannon ball, brass hammerhead, and broken cannon match were recently found near an abandoned quarry in the neighbor's field in an area that lies in the path of the project.

WHEREFORE, Rodney A Meyer and Karen I Benedict respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission not approve the application for siting of the Independence Energy Connection-West Project in Portions of Franklin County, Docket No. A-2017-2640200. We request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission fully investigate the project and hold public hearings here in Franklin County. We also request the Judges in the case make a site visit to Franklin County to see first hand the impact the project will have on our citizens.

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Respectfully submitted,



Rodney A Meyer



Karen I Benedict

Dated: February 15, 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

We hereby certify that we 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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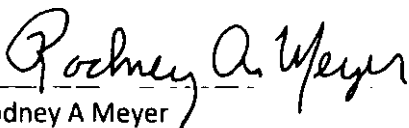
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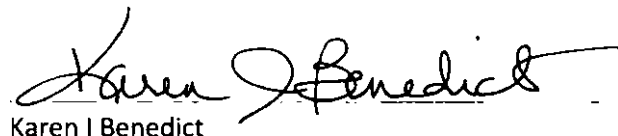
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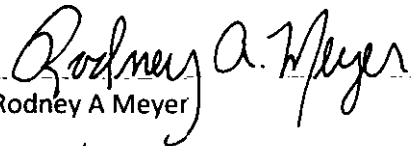

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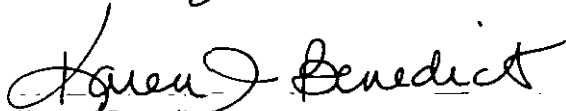
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VERIFICATION

We, Rodney A Meyer and Karen I Benedict, 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 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

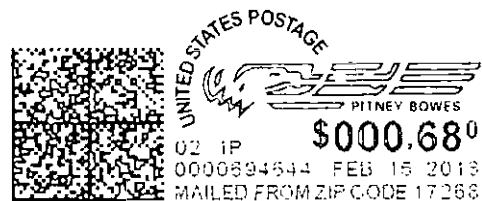
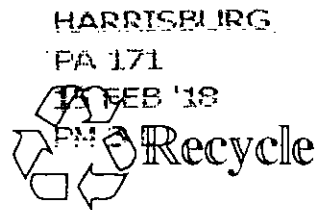
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