

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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.*, Colt and Kristyn Martin files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Colt and Kristyn avers as follows:

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

Colt and Kristyn Martin

8020 Hidden Valley Lane

Waynesboro, PA 17268

2. We are homeowners along the proposed main route, of which part of our privately-owned land would likely need to be given for a portion of the needed right of way.

3. We have multiple concerns that have surfaced regarding this transmission line project since it has been brought to our attention including: health of our young, growing family; property values for our home and our neighbors'; aesthetics and sightlines; and continued maintenance of the line;

4. When we first received notice of the project potentially being near our property, we researched the effects of EMFs/high transmission lines on the health of children, being that our first daughter was born in October 2017. While most health-related data is deemed "inconclusive", the overwhelming majority

Sources:

1. <https://www.webmd.com/cancer/lymphoma/news/20050602/child-leukemia-again-linked-to-power-lines#1>
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of articles/studies state there is a definite link between childhood leukemia and proximity to high voltage transmission (HVT) lines. Most concerning is the statistic that there is a 70% increase¹ in a child's likelihood of being diagnosed with leukemia if they live within a 200-meter distance of a HVT line.

Our second concern was property values of our own home and our neighbors' along with the rest of those affected in our region. Kristyn is a licensed real estate broker and practices the business daily in Franklin County as our family's sole source of income. She has been licensed since 2010. Her professional opinion is that placing HVT lines of this size (135' tall) will be an extreme deterrent to a buyer in our area. There are already property owners listing their homes for sale, trying to get out before their values take a greater hit, even with the project not yet having received final approvals. With the project being solely suggested to be a cost savings project, devaluation of properties where new lines are constructed needs to be considered. What is intended to save some rate payers a few dollars over 15 years, may concurrently cause immediate property value loss estimated between 4-7%² to others.

In 2016 we built our family's home on our 3-acre property in rural Franklin County with the intent of living here our entire lives. We were even married in the backyard because we could not think of a more beautiful setting. The gorgeous mountainous backdrop we had for our wedding would now be marred by the unsightliness of HVT lines.

Last, but certainly not least, the concern of maintenance of the line is an issue since Transource, LLC would be the company in charge of maintaining the line and they are a new company³ without a proven history of being able to maintain the powerlines. While longer standing parent companies AEP and Great Plains are the two entities with ownership of the LLC, if the perceived need (since this is only to relieve congestion of the grid, not to bring power to an area) for the transmission lines subsidies due to the ongoing efforts of private owners to generate their own power sources via solar, wind, etc., Transource,

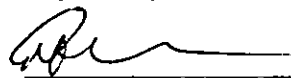
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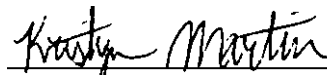
LLC could terminate and leave us with unused, deteriorating 135-foot eye sores in our backyard for the rest of our lives.

WHEREFORE, Colt and Kristyn Martin respectfully requests the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission not to approve Docket No. A-2017-2640200 and to investigate and hold full hearings locally regarding the filing.

Respectfully submitted,



Colt Rian Martin



Kristyn Benedict Martin

Dated: February 7, 2018

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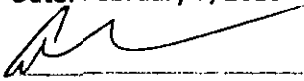
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VERIFICATION

We, Colt and Kristyn Martin, 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).

Date: February 7, 2018



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Protest/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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