



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 8, 2018

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC 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 / Docket No. A-2017-2640200

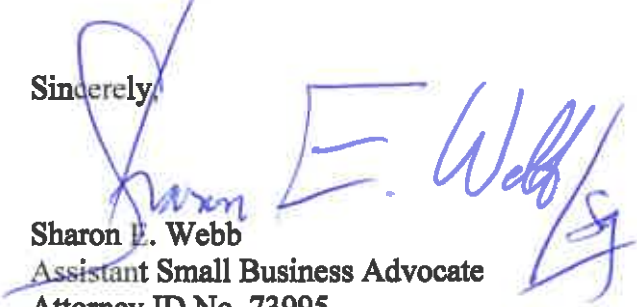
Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am delivering for filing today the Prehearing Memorandum, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Elizabeth H. Barnes
The Honorable Andrew M. Calvelli
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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for approval of the Siting and Construction :
of the 230kV Transmission Line associated with : Docket Number A-2017-2640200
the Independence Energy Connection-West :
Project in Portions of Franklin County :**

**OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE
PREHEARING MEMORANDUM**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) is authorized to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (“the Act”). In order to discharge this statutory duty, the Small Business Advocate deems it necessary to participate as a party to this proceeding. Representing the OSBA in this matter is Assistant Small Business Advocate Sharon E. Webb. Please address all correspondence as follows:

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II. FILING BACKGROUND

On December 27, 2017, Transource Pennsylvania, LLC (“Transource” or the “Company”) filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”) seeking approval of the siting and construction of a portion of a 230kV transmission line and substation associated with the Independence Energy Connection Project (“IEC Project”) in portions of Franklin County.

On March 6, 2018, the OSBA filed an Intervention.

III. IDENTIFICATION TENTATIVE ISSUES

After an initial review of the materials submitted by the Company, the OSBA has identified the following issues:

1. Whether there is a need for the Transource/IEC Project, as proposed; and
2. The potential impact of the proposed Transource/IEC Project on small small business consumers.

The OSBA reserves the right to pursue additional issues as they arise throughout the proceeding.

The OSBA will participate in the case to assure that the interests of small business customers of Appalachian are adequately represented and protected.

IV. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

The OSBA requests that all parties serve a hard copy of any document filed in this case upon the OSBA. In addition to hard copies of pleadings, briefs, and exceptions, the OSBA requests hard copies of responses to discovery propounded by the OSBA or any other party.

V. SETTLEMENT

The OSBA notes its willingness to enter into settlement discussions at the appropriate phase of this proceeding.

VI. HEARING AND BRIEFING SCHEDULE

The OSBA will work with other parties to develop a mutually acceptable procedural schedule.

The OSBA respectfully requests that the evidentiary hearings take place in Harrisburg.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email and/or First-Class mail (*unless other noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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