## Petition To Intervene February 6, 2018

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary PA Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Bldg. 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120 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-East Project in Portions of York County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2017-2640195

Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania,

## PETITION TO INTERVENE



Pursuant to 52 PA Code § 5.71, *et seq.*, <u>Stephen R. Snell</u> hereby files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support thereof, Stephen Snell submits as follows:

- The name and contact information of the Petitioner is as follows: Stephen Snell, 544 Crestwood Drive, Red Lion, PA 17356 (717) 683-3528 stevesnell544@gmail.com
- 2. My interest in this project is as environmentalist, property rights advocate, land preservationist and former resident of Lower Chanceford Township.
- 3. Existing participants in the filing may not understand: As a citizen who still travels through or visits the impacted region frequently, I object to yet another high-power line through this area. It has maintained some of the most productive farmland and pristine woods in our county, including some in formally preserved programs. As a former REALTOR association executive, I strongly believe that private property rights are a bedrock of the American Dream. The threshold for taking those rights by eminent domain must, therefore, be set extremely high. The benefits to the larger community from such seizure must be so clear that it leaves little debate *among the citizens.* By this standard, the proposed Transource power line project fails to justify such a violation of rights. Let's be honest, owners cannot be truly compensated for their loss. The

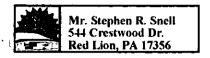
beauty of the area will never be restored. It is terribly ironic that the area impacted is home to a sizeable Amish community which has resisted modern technology when it threatens their way of life..

4. The action of this Commission will have a *permanent* impact on the area. Let it be one of preservation and adherence to property rights. Please consider alternative routes through existing line corridors instead.

WHEREFORE, Stephen Snell respectfully requests Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to investigate and the filing, and strongly impose a condition that all other existing rights of way and infrastructure should be utilized before any new power line projects are approved, and **the Commission should deny the Transource filing.** 

Dated: 02/6/2018

Respectfully submitted, fuell



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