Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary PA Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Bldg. 400 North Street

Harrisburg, PA 17120

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 230 kV Transmission Line Associated with the Independence Energy Connection-East Project in Portions of York County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2017-2640195

### PROTEST

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, *et seq.* and 66 Pa. C. S. Sections 1101, *et. seq.*, Henry M. Sommer and Glenda J. Sommer, files this Protest to the Transource Filing Docket No. A-2017-2640195. In support of this Protest, Henry M. Sommer & Glenda J. Sommer avers as follows:

 The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows: Henry M. Sommer & Glenda J. Sommer
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2. My interest in this project is while the present proposed possible routing only travels directly adjacent to our 3251 New Park Road property, it would still have a negative impact on the value of our property and our neighbors. While Transource claims that no studies have shown no definite links to health, I have been exposed to high voltage power lines and have experienced noise, shocks and generally unpleasant living conditions.

This coupled with no evident benefit to area residents would appear to make this project difficult to support. This project is termed a "marketing efficiency" project as opposed to a project to improve reliability or service so I would deem it as a "want" instead of a "need". I understand that PJM themselves project zero percent growth in electrical needs over the next 10 years.

- 3. The grounds for our protest of this proposal:
  - a. NOT NEEDED Why not rent or buy space on the new power lines that were just recently installed in the community? It appears that there is plenty of space there. Why ruin more of beautiful Southern York County with another set of power lines??

- b. DEVALUES LAND Adjacent land owners' property values will decrease with no compensation.
- c. HEALTH PROBLEMS With all the powerful electricity on the lines, there is great concern to the health problems that may or caused to those in the vicinity of these lines. Our granddaughter is possibly building a house on the property adjacent to one of the proposed lines. Who would want to endanger the health of their granddaughter or anyone else?
- 4. This directly affects me by devaluating our property if adjacent to it and, since it is a small property to begin with, may deem it useless for agriculture purposes, if it actually crosses our land. There appears to be no value at all to area landowners or the community in this proposal.

WHEREFORE, Henry M. Sommer & Glenda J. Sommer, 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.** 

Respectfully submitted, Signed: Henda J. Sommer

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## **VERIFICATION**

We, Henry M. Sommer and Glenda J. Sommer,

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: 2/3/2018

Signature: Address: 2340 New Park Road New Park, PA 17352

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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 document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Protest and Public Statement to Transource Pennsylvania, LLC, 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: Dated this 10th day of January 2018

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