### Protest Letter DATE: 2/11/2018

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, Supchapter 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

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, et seq. and 66 Pa. C. S. Sections 1101, et. seq., [Gregory with and Kristing with files this Protest to the Transource Filing Docket No. A-2017-2640195. In support of this Protest, Gregory Wilt and Kristina Wilt avers as follows:

- 1. The name and contact information of the Protestants is as follows: Gregory Wilt and Kristina Wilt, 353 Marsteller Road, New Park PA 17352.
- Our interest in this project is as a landowner, livestock and crop farmer and a life-long resident of Hopewell Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Our family farm will be a Century farm on March 1, 2018 with the fifth generation now living on and working this farm.
- 3. The grounds for our protest of this proposal:
  - a. Our farm is preserved with a Conservation Easement through the York County Preservation Program. This is a state and tax payer funded program, and we feel that land in this program should be preserved as open space. Power lines do not belong on Preserved farms.
  - b. We feel that current right of ways are not being fully utilized and should be explored before ruining more productive farm land.
  - c. We sell freezer beef and pork so we feel our ability to expand and to market our meat depends in part on a good-looking farmstead and unblotched scenery.
  - d. There have been many studies showing the negative effects of stray voltage on livestock and humans. We market our cattle directly to consumers. The power lines will have a negative effect on consumer confidence and view of our product.
  - e. This farm and many others are in the top 20% of the most productive in Pennsylvania.
  - f. It is impossible to set a fair compensation by Transource for how our farm and livelihood will be negatively impacted. The loss of productivity on the effected land for years to come is something that is immeasurable to us.

4. This directly affects us by negatively reducing our ability to attract customers to buy our products. The amount of traffic that goes by our farm on their way to the other farm markets and attractions in our area will be reduced because of the spoiled scenery.

WHEREFORE, Gregory Wilt and Kristina Wilt respectfully requests the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to investigate this filing, and strongly recommends imposing 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,

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Greggy Wilt Kintura Wilt

Gregory Wilt and Kristina Wilt

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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## **VERIFICATION**

I, Gregory Wilt and Kristina Wilt,

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: 02/11/2018

Signature: Greggy Wilt Kistora Wilt

Address:

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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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