

Petition To Intervene - 2/17/2018

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,
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

PETITION TO INTERVENE

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Pursuant to 52 PA Code § 5.71, *et seq.*, Brandy Miller hereby files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support thereof, Brandy Miller submits as follows:

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

Brandy Miller, 333 Tomlinson Road, Airville, PA 17302

2. My interest in this project is as a neighbor of proposed site and resident of York County.
3. Existing participants in the filing may not understand:

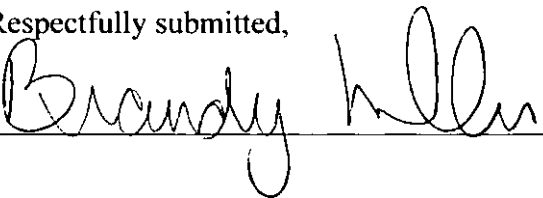
- a. **That Transource has not proven the need for this project.** This filing specifically lists the project as a 'market efficiency' project, which means that no ratepayers are going without electricity. Denying this project would NOT deny service to any ratepayers.
- b. That this project would NOT bring savings to ratepayers in Pennsylvania, and that the theoretical savings promised to the Washington, DC and Northern Virginia ratepayers is **LESS THAN \$1 per year**, as listed in Transource and PJM materials
- c. **That there is an existing right of way with existing towers that are only half energized.** IF the project were actually/vitally important, the most cost-effective method of providing additional power to the ratepayers would be to use existing infrastructure, instead of the massive expense of obtaining a new right of way and constructing a completely parallel system.

- d. **The negative agricultural impact of this proposed electric line.** The future of farming depends on being able to adapt to new agricultural market conditions. Once these powerlines are in place, it severely limits the ability to diversify farming operation for future generations. Those power lines prohibit new barns/buildings on that section of land.
 - e. That there are inconclusive reports relating to stray shocks and electromagnetic fields emanating from these proposed lines. **A major health issue concern** exists to people, livestock and crops within the proximity of these proposed power lines.
4. The action of this Commission will bind forever a wide swath of land, prohibiting future agricultural uses that may be needed for future generations of farmers in this area.
- a. The action of this Commission would allow the utility company to enter lands at ANY TIME including harvest time, devastating the farm's productive value and ability to be economically viable.
 - b. The action of this Commission will discourage farmland preservation if it allows electric powerline development on land that has been specifically protected.
 - c. The action of this Commission will impact wildlife in the area (including bald eagles, bats, turtles, brown trout; to name a few). It would also limit hunting (deer, duck, etc.)

WHEREFORE, Brandy Miller 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: 2/17/2018

Respectfully submitted,



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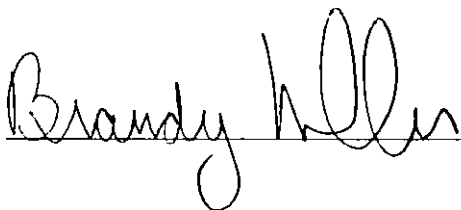
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VERIFICATION

I, Brandy Miller,

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 / 17 / 18

Signature: 

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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