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

Harrisburg, PA 17120

Supchapter G for Approval of the Siting and
Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line
Associated with the Independence Energy
Connection-East Project in Portion of York
County, Pennsylvania

Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania,
LLC Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57

Docket No. A-2017-2640195

PROTEST

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code 5.51, *et. seq.* and 66 Pa. C. S. Sections 1101, *et. Seq.*, Leonard M. Traynor files this Protest to the Transource Filing Docket No. A-2017-2640195. In Support of this Protest, Leonard M. Traynor avers as follows:

1. The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows: Leonard M. Traynor of 523 Alum Rock Road, New Park, PA 17352
2. My interest in this project is as landowner and resident of Fawn Township, York County.
3. The grounds for our protest of this proposal:
 - a. There is absolutely no documented evidence that this project is needed and by transources own estimate, would save targeted electric users with a savings of less than two dollars per year. It is estimated that it may cost York county residences more for their electric services.
 - b. Potential health hazard to us and our neighbors. Hundreds of studies worldwide have shown that **living** next to high voltage **power lines** and other parts of the **power** transmission network increases your risk of cancer and other health problems. The closer you are the more you are bombarded with dangerous EMFs. The safe distance for common EMF high voltage power lines on metal towers is 700 feet+.
 - c. The loss of our beautiful surroundings. The 130 foot clear-cut right of ways will scar the wood lands and damage animal habitat for ever. The towers and transmission lines will permanently deface our lands.
 - d. There are at least two existing right of ways that can be used to facilitate this project and at significate estimated cost reduction. We have not seen any studies or cost estimates from Transource as to why these options can't be utilized. Could it be that a new right of way would benefit them and only them. What is best for the community?
 - e. Common mode electrical noise can cause system shutdowns relating to signal transmission problems not to mention high voltage spikes. This is a huge problem that should be diligently

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research. There are many examples of studies and lawsuits regarding electronics, electrical equipment, dairy animals, and health issues associated with these issues.

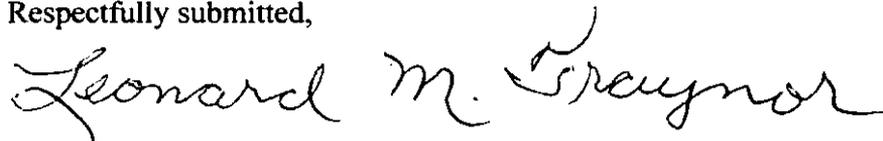
- f. Over-the-air television, radio, and cell signals can be negatively impacted by the towers and transmission lines.
- g. The negative effect on our farmers and community property values cannot be over emphasized.

4. This directly affects me by:

- a. The landscape destruction and limiting usage of our farm property and the surrounding country side. The effect on the environment and animal habitat should not be minimized.
- b. The property market value losses to us and the communities will be substantial. The building lots we purchased as a nest egg for our retirement will prove to be a very bad investment indeed.
- c. The loss of precious memories, quality of life and general wellbeing due to the 130 feet clear cut right of way, electric towers, and power lines that will forever dot our property and the neighborhoods of southern York County
- d. The financial loss and labor we applied over the last 46 years to obtaining and improving this property for our family and future generations. We and the land can't recover if this project is approved. Please do not approve this project unless proven necessary and cost justified.

WHEREFORE, Leonard M. Traynor respectfully requests Pennsylvania Public Utility commission to investigate 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. **The commission should deny the Transource filing.**

Respectfully submitted,



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**BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY
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VERIFICATION

I, Leonard M. Traynor

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: 02/14/2018

Signature:



Address:

523 Alum Rock Road

New Park, PA 1735

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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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