

Protest Letter - 2/15/2018

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

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PROTEST

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, *et seq.* and 66 Pa. C. S. Sections 1101, *et seq.*,
Deborah E. Macklin and R. Andrew Macklin of Macklin Farms, files this Protest to the Transource Filing
Docket No. A-2017-2640195. In support of this Protest, Deborah E. Macklin and R. Andrew Macklin
avers as follows:

1. The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows:
Deborah E. Macklin and R. Andrew Macklin
Macklin Farms
518 Good Road, Airville, PA 17302
dmackfarms@aol.com
2. Our interest in this project are as farm owners, landowners, business owners, future generation farmers and residents of Lower Chanceford Township, York County.
3. The grounds for our protest of this proposal:
 - a. **NOT BENEFICAL** - The proposed new powerlines will bring NO benefits to the residents/rate payers of York County nor Pennsylvania. This project is asking us (PA residents) to bear the entire burden without aiding us in any way.
 - b. **UNNECESSARY** - Existing power lines (running parallel within ½ mile of the proposed lines) are not being utilized to their fullest potential. Unnecessary to add new lines
 - c. **UNHEALTHY** - Dangerous stray shocks and electromagnetic waves emanate from these proposed lines; research has proven these high power lines to be unhealthy to people, livestock and crops.

- d. **PUNISHING FUTURE GENERATIONS** – We currently have daughters interested in joining our farm operation (1 currently attends Penn State in the Agricultural Science program, another plans to attend a College for Animal Science within the next year and our youngest is interested in the food aspect of farming); our investment into their future by the purchase of 110+ acres of farm lands and multiple buildings in 2015 is now being compromised and jeopardized because of this new proposed powerline. How can you forcefully devalue our investment and put a loss to our livelihood for an unnecessary project? NO FARMS / NO FOOD
- e. **NEGATIVE IMPACT** – No common sense why “green fields” are being proposed; especially attacking and forcing farm preservation lands into something that we are 100% against. This project would devalue our lands, but taxes would remain the same!

Wildlife Sportsmanship is a common occurrence on our lands and has been for 100’s of years (deer hunting, duck hunting, small game, hiking, outside adventures, etc.) – our beautiful, aspiring and breathtaking environments would be changed negatively forever with this proposed project.

4. This directly affects us by restricting, FOREVER, our business operation choices and our business decisions both today and for our children and future generations. As well as limits our farm expansion from adding machinery buildings, adding future beef operation, building barns, near or under these proposed power lines – none of these future expansions will be permitted within the areas around the power lines – unfair and unacceptable.

WHEREFORE, Deborah E. Macklin and R. Andrew Macklin/Macklin Farms 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, and **the Commission should deny the Transource filing.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Macklin
R. Andrew Macklin

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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VERIFICATION

I, Deborah E. Macklin and R. Andrew Macklin,

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: 02/15/2018

Signature:

Deborah E. Macklin
R. Andrew Macklin

Address:

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Airville, PA 17302

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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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