### Petition To Intervene DATE: 2/6/2018

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

# PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to 52 PA Code § 5.71, et seq., Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society hereby files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support thereof, Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society submits as follows:

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

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Contact:

Craig Sansonetti, President

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- 2. The Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society operates a museum, the Ma & Pa Railroad Heritage Village, at Muddy Creek Forks, PA. The museum site is a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum, a 31 acre site with 10 buildings and 3.5 miles of railroad through the Muddy Creek Valley, interprets the central role of the railroad in the early 20th century. The Society has a strong interest in preserving the unspoiled scenery along the railroad and the early twentieth century ambiance of the village of Muddy Creek Forks.
- 3. Existing participants in the filing may not understand that the proposed route of the power line crosses the Muddy Creek Valley and the historic right of way of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad in close proximity to the part of the railroad currently operated by the museum -- a distance of approximately 1500 feet. The museum hopes in the future to be able to

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extend its operating railroad beyond the point of crossing, where much of the railroad track remains in place. Construction of the power line on the proposed alignment would have a very significant visual impact on this scenic area of the valley and be an unwelcome modern intrusion on the setting of our museum, which is largely unaltered from the early 20th century time period we interpret.

4. The action of this Commission will have a serious impact on our museum's long term prospects for extending the scenic railroad experience we offer and on maintaining the historic integrity of the Muddy Creek Valley and area surrounding the museum.

WHEREFORE, Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society 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.

Dated: 01/06/2018

Respectfully submitted,

Craig J. Sansonetti, President

Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society

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# **VERIFICATION**

I, <u>Craig J. Sansonetti</u>, <u>President of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society</u> 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:  $\frac{2}{6}/\frac{2018}$ 

Signature: J. Sensonett

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

# SERVICE BY E-MAIL and FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Barnes The Honorable Andrew M. Calvelli Administrative Law Judges PO Box 3265

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