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Dear Commissioner Brown:

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

I am writing today regarding the Transource IEC-East powerline. As you may know, the powerline runs through southern York County to Norrisville, Maryland, and a new electric substation would be located in Lower Chanceford Township, York County, part of the 94th Legislative District which I represent.

Many of my constituents have major concerns, as do I, about the powerline and the negative impact it will have on residents of the 94th District and southern York County. As you know, Transource has filed for eminent domain against many landowners. My constituents are worried about their land, in some cases their livelihood, and the beauty of the rural landscape being compromised. In addition, York has gone to great lengths to preserve farmland spending taxpayer dollars to put many of these farms in preservation. Allowing another power line to slice through this land counters that objective.

From my understanding, existing lines could have been utilized, but for some reason they have not been. There has been no transparency regarding any attempts by Transource to contact the owners of the current power lines. How are we to know that Transource put every effort forward to utilize the current lines before choosing the now determined path and the option of eminent domain? These lines take our power out of Pennsylvania and send it to the DC area to lower their costs. In the meantime, Maryland is reducing their power production and closing plants. How does this in any way benefit the individuals whose land they are taking and devaluing? The benefit to York County and Pennsylvania needs to be questioned.

Opposition to these lines is significant and only growing. Over 200 people attended a town hall hosted by the York County Farm Bureau in Airville last year and a great deal attended a recent prehearing conference on March 13th at which time it was decided to hold two public hearings in

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York County in May. I appreciate the scheduling of these public hearings that the citizens may be heard.

In closing, I ask that the Public Utility Commission please consider the negative impact the project will have on the citizens, the farmland, the wildlife, and the historic areas throughout southern York County should it be approved.

Since

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