

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC

Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57,

Docket No. A-2017-2640200

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

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

PROTEST

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, *et seq.* and 66 Pa. C.S. Sections 1101, *et. seq.*, Brandon D. Stouffer files this Protest to the Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Docket No. A-2017-2640200 Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line Associated with the Independence Energy Connection-West project in Portions of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. In support of this Protest, Brandon D. Stouffer avers as follows:

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

Brandon D. Stouffer
1181 Falling Spring Road
Chambersburg PA, 17202.

2. The Proposed Transmission line affects me on a multitude of levels that impact my family, businesses and community. The proposed line runs along the edge of my personal residence and comes within 150 Ft. of my property line and 500 Ft. of my home. I also have ownership in a property that the proposed line crosses along the I-81 corridor as part of a 50-Acre tract of residential development land connected to a long established housing community. Lastly, the impact on Falling Spring Elementary School and The Chambersburg Cross Country Course would be detrimental to the health and safety of my children and community. My son (7) attends the school and my daughter (4) will attend this Fall, teachers will spend their careers in this building and we will lose the only cross country track in the district.

3. The decision by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) will affect me financially with a in loss of property value on my personal residence, across my portfolio of commercial property holdings in Franklin County and the devaluation of the residential development property located within the proposed route. This will be a continuing burden on the county with loss in tax revenue as property owners lose value in real estate and request reassessments. The environmental impact of constructing this transmission line along the pristine waterway and the drilling or blasting required on top of the underground aquifer could likely change this protected waterway indefinitely. The springs that feed my drinking water and ultimately The Falling Spring lie directly under the ground where Transource is proposing their line. The Chambersburg Area School District has already passed a resolution that states the approval of an aboveground power

line could have physical and physiological risks to students and staff, negative impact on school property tax revenue leading to a disruption of services and has asked the PUC to reject this application all together.

4. Any property owner should have the ability to mitigate a situation, which leads to a negative impact on the safety and wellbeing of their family. I will also suffer financially from loss in property value as a direct result of any approval granted by the PUC for the proposed transmission line and have no recourse for any recapture of such a loss. Due to the substantial loss in value and esthetics of the residential development tract, I will not agree to sell land in which the transmission line crosses and therefore would have to be forced through eminent domain to allow such a crossing. My rights as a property owner should not be stripped for a utility line that is not needed for Pennsylvania residents or ratepayers and provides no safety or economic benefit to those that are the greatest effected.

WHEREFORE, Brandon D. Stouffer respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) deny the application in Docket No. A-2017-2640200 and encourages PJM to pursue alternate methods using exiting utility lines to solve any congestion issues within the APSouth interface.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: 2/27/2020