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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line Associated with the Independence Energy Connection – East and West Projects in portions of York and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania; Docket Nos. A-2017-2640195 and A-2017-2640200

Petition of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for a finding that a building to shelter control equipment at the Rice Substation in Franklin County, Pennsylvania is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public; Docket No. P-2018-3001878

Petition of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for a finding that a building to shelter control equipment at the Furnace Run Substation in York County, Pennsylvania is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public; Docket No. P-2018-3001883

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for approval to acquire a certain portion of the lands of various landowners in York and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania for the siting and construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line associated with the Independence Energy Connection – East and West Projects as necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public; Docket No. A-2018-3001881, *et al.*

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC and West Penn Power Company in the above-referenced matter.

As indicated on the attached Certificate of Service, copies have been served on the parties in the manner indicated.

March 12, 2020

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,


Teresa K. Harrold

Enclosures

c: As Per Certificate of Service
Elizabeth H. Barnes, Administrative Law Judge

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line Associated with the Independence Energy Connection – East and West Projects in portions of York and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania : : : **Docket No. A-2017-2640195
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et al.**

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF
MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC AND
WEST PENN POWER COMPANY**

Pursuant to the Fourteenth Prehearing Conference Order issued January 31, 2020 by Administrative Law Judges (“ALJs”) Elizabeth H. Barnes and Andrew M. Calvelli, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (“MAIT”) and West Penn Power Company (“West Penn”) (jointly,

“FirstEnergy Companies”) hereby submit this Prehearing Conference Memorandum with respect to the above-referenced proceeding.

I. HISTORY OF THE PROCEEDING

On December 27, 2017, Transource Pennsylvania, LLC (“Transource”) filed Applications pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for approval of the siting and construction of the 230 kV transmission lines associated with the Independence Energy Connection-East Project in York County, Pennsylvania (“East Application”) and the Independence Energy Connection-West Project (jointly, the “Independence Projects”) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania (“West Application”) at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).

On February 20, 2018, the FirstEnergy Companies submitted Petitions to Intervene related to the East and West Applications.

A Prehearing Conference was held on March 13, 2018 before ALJ Barnes and ALJ Calvelli, at which time the FirstEnergy Companies’ Petitions to Intervene were granted.

On May 15, 2018, Transource filed 133 applications for approval to exercise eminent domain power related to the Independence Projects, including one application that requests to use eminent domain power to acquire a certain portion of West Penn property.¹

On June 26, 2018, the ALJs issued a Third Prehearing Order, which consolidated the above-referenced dockets into a single proceeding.

After the exchange of discovery and written testimony by the parties, evidentiary hearings were held in the above-referenced matter in February 2019.

On March 20, 2019, the Commission issued an Order granting a Petition for Interlocutory Review filed by Transource related to its prior written testimony.

Throughout May and June of 2019, the parties submitted supplemental written testimony.

¹ Transource has since withdrawn its application related to West Penn.

On June 18, 2019, Transource filed a Motion to Suspend the Procedural Schedule in an effort to pursue additional settlement discussions with the parties.

On October 17, 2019, Transource notified the parties that a partial settlement was reached related to the East Application.

On January 29, 2020, Transource filed an amended East Application. Transource also notified the parties that no settlement was reached related to the West Application.

A further prehearing conference is scheduled in this matter for March 18, 2020.

The FirstEnergy Companies' Prehearing Memorandum is filed consistent with the Fourteenth Prehearing Conference Order.

II. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

The FirstEnergy Companies neither oppose nor support Transource's amended East Application. However, additional proposed changes to the East or West Application by other parties, as well as the Commission's ultimate disposition of the Applications, could directly impact the FirstEnergy Companies' future operations. Accordingly, the FirstEnergy Companies continue to monitor this proceeding.

III. WITNESSES

Although the FirstEnergy Companies currently do not intend to present any witnesses, they reserve their right to present witnesses to the extent the East and West Applications are further modified.

IV. SETTLEMENT

The FirstEnergy Companies are willing to participate in any settlement discussions regarding these proceedings.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the FirstEnergy Companies respectfully submit this Prehearing Conference Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the individuals listed below.

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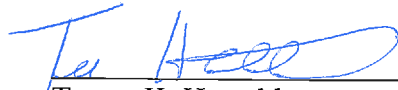
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