

June 30, 2020

VIA EFILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
PA Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Bldg.  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**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 & 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 230kV 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 Nos. A-2018-3001881, *et al.***

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please find enclosed for filing the County of Franklin's Concurrence in the Motion of Stop Transource Franklin County for In-Person Evidentiary Hearing Dates after the Lifting of Pandemic Restrictions. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the address listed above.

Very Truly Yours,

***SALZMANN HUGHES, P.C.***

/s/ Scott T. Wyland

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Enclosure

Cc: The Honorable Elizabeth Barnes  
Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC	:	
for approval of the Siting and Construction of the	:	A-2017-2640195
230 kV Transmission Line Associated with the	:	A-2017-2640200
Independence Energy Connection - East and West Projects	:	
in portions of York and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania.	:	
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Petition of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC	:	
for a finding that a building to shelter control equipment	:	
at the Rice Substation in Franklin County, Pennsylvania	:	P-2018-3001878
is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of	:	
the public.	:	
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Petition of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC	:	
for a finding that a building to shelter control equipment	:	
at the Furnace Run Substation in York County,	:	P-2018-3001883
Pennsylvania is reasonably necessary for the convenience	:	
or welfare of the public.	:	
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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	:	A-2018-3001881,
Transmission Line associated with the Independence Energy	:	<i>et al.</i>
Connection – East and West Projects as necessary or proper	:	
for the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of	:	
the public.	:	

**THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN’S CONCURRENCE IN THE MOTION OF STOP  
TRANSOURCE FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR IN-PERSON EVIDENTIARY HEARING  
DATES AFTER THE LIFTING OF PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS**

Intervenor, the County of Franklin (“Franklin County”), hereby submits its concurrence in the Motion of Stop Transource Franklin County (“STFC”) requesting that the Commission provide an in-person hearing with respect to the Joint Amended Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC and PPL Electric. In support thereof, Franklin County submits as follows:

1. For the reasons set forth in the Motion of STFC, Franklin County concurs in STFC’s Motion and requests that the relief requested therein be granted.

2. Franklin County, therefore, respectfully requests that the remaining evidentiary

hearings occur in-person after the existing pandemic restrictions are lifted.

3. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, on June 16, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice that Further Telephonic Evidentiary Hearings would be held on July 9 and 10, 2020, using Skype videoconferencing. The Notice requires members of the public wishing to listen to the hearing to contact Administrative Law Judge Barnes via email by July 2, 2020, for emailed access instructions. The Notice also requires that exhibits for the hearing be provided in advance to Judge Barnes and the parties.

4. Telephone access is required for audio of the hearings and computer access is required to see the exhibits presented during the hearings.

5. The current format of the evidentiary hearings, therefore, requires the citizens of Franklin County, and other participants, to have access to appropriate technology to meaningfully participate in the hearings, including a computer, internet, and telephone.

6. The pandemic has severely restricted the ability of Franklin County citizens and other intended participants to access the required technology due to the closure and limited services of public libraries and other public places.

7. As seen during the public input hearings, Franklin County residents are extremely concerned about the outcome of this proceeding that could result in the siting and construction of a high-voltage transmission line that will traverse over 29 miles through Franklin County, their home.

8. Under both the Pennsylvania Constitution and common law, the public has a right to access civil proceedings. *Publicker Indus., Inc. v. Cohen*, 733 F.2d 1059, 1071 (3d Cir. 1984).

9. Proceeding with the evidentiary hearings in accordance with the Commission's June 16, 2020 Notice will limit Franklin County residents who will be directly affected by the

outcome of this proceeding as well as other members of the public from meaningfully, if not entirely, participating in the same.

10. Instead, Franklin County respectfully submits that the evidentiary hearings should be postponed until it is safe to conduct in-person hearings, thereby allowing each Franklin County resident and member of the public to meaningfully participate.

**WHEREFORE**, Franklin County respectfully requests that Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth H. Barnes grant STFC's Motion requesting a modification of the Sixteenth Prehearing Order, and provide that the remaining evidentiary hearings occur in-person after the existing pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Salzmann Hughes, P.C.

Dated: June 30, 2020

/s/ Scott T. Wyland  
Scott T. Wyland

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing County of Franklin's Concurrence in the Motion of STFC 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:

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