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Matthew L. Homsher, Esq., Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Transource Pennsylvania, LLC's Certificate of Public Convenience Application for Franklin County
Docket No. A-2026-3062675
FORMAL PROTEST / CONSOLIDATION OPPOSED

Dear Secretary Homsher:

We are writing to file a Formal Protest against the application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate transmission facilities and supply transmission service in Franklin County. I explicitly object to Transource's corporate Motion for Consolidation.

Consistent with the Commission's recent binding precedent in the MARL Interlocutory Order (Docket No. A-2026-3060856; June 1, 2026), a decision regarding the core CPC must be fully vetted and finally decided before the Commission can consider the merits of any separate transmission line siting or zoning applications. Forcing local citizens to litigate a route before a utility has even obtained permission to operate in the proposed territory violates our due process rights.

The Franklin County Farm Bureau (FCFB) represents Franklin County farmers, landowners, agricultural businesses and everyday consumers concerned with preserving our rural way of life. At this time, we are very concerned with the rapid manner that for-profit corporations are threatening the future existence of the richest farmland and natural resources not only in this country but in our county as well.

On an annual basis FCFB compiles information and writes policies that support the best interest of sustainable agriculture. As part of that process, county Farm Bureaus statewide, in turn, gather and vote on these policies. In November, over 200 proposed policies were brought forth for discussion, debate and a final vote.

The list below includes a partial compilation of those policies that touch on the issues that are currently jeopardizing Franklin County's farmland and agricultural future. Specifically, we are concerned with the losses, both direct and indirect, from solar farms, data centers, new electric transmission, spiraling electric rates and the use of eminent domain for profiting corporations.

- We recommend that prime soils (USDA Land Capability Classification 1-3) be prohibited for development of data centers and data mines.
- We recommend preventing the socialization of data center development costs including electrical transmission.
- We recommend that data centers be required to provide their own power source.
- We oppose state-level preemption of local and county land use authority for the siting of energy generation and storage facilities
- We support the right of the state to deny construction of all high voltage transmission for any reason, and support all state efforts to maintain that right, including the departure of the state from the PJM Regional Transmission Organization. (State)
- We oppose the addition of electrical transmission lines that primarily benefit neighboring states.

Economic losses due to business disruption and the cost bore to engage, the resources needed to house, construct and further maintain on an ongoing basis is counterproductive to our mission and not in the best interest of our farming community in Franklin County. Furthermore, it is not the responsibility of Franklin County landowners to carry the burdens for these corporations.

Franklin County's farming future depends on open farmland and natural resources. As a stakeholder in Franklin County, we request that the Commission deny Transource's CPC application based on the following grounds regarding corporate fitness and public necessity:

1. Skyrocketing and Bloated Project Costs: Transource's 2026 application reveals that the estimated cost for just this western segment has ballooned to a staggering $231.3 million. Shockingly, the core construction and planning element is only estimated at $112.7 million, meaning that an astonishing $170.4 million of the price tag consists of accumulated taxes, cost escalations, and financial inflation pushed out to a 2029 target date. Pennsylvania consumers should not be forced to subsidize a $231.3 million capital project whose costs are heavily inflated by a decade of failed corporate litigation.

2. Absolute Failure to Demonstrate Local Benefit: No entity has shown how the multi-million-dollar cost savings claimed by Transource will ever be passed back to a typical Pennsylvania electric customer. The market efficiency savings benefit and are distributed among power marketers and financial institutions in receiving states, while local consumers bear the added rate burdens.

3. Gross Misuse of Capital: Transource has reportedly spent over $200 million on a decade of failed litigation regarding the old Project 9A without laying a single foot of line. Funneling capital into prolonged legal challenges against state-level denials, and using funds to pay off opposition groups, shows a systemic lack of stewardship.

Transource is a for-profit corporation seeking to abuse the power of eminent domain for a market efficiency project that is not a public necessity. I request that the Commission send this CPC application to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for full, in-person Public Input Hearings so that the public can address Transource's fitness firsthand.

Respectfully submitted,

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