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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:

I am 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.

As a resident and stakeholder in Franklin County, I 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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UPI / Tax Parcel ID Number (If Landowner): _____