

Date: 7/27/20

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

RE: Transource Pennsylvania, LLC's Siting Application for Franklin County  
Docket No. A-2026-3062686  
FORMAL PROTEST / REQUEST TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE

Dear Secretary Homsher:

I am writing to file a Formal Protest against the Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line known as Project 9A West in Franklin County. I request that the Commission deny this application, or, in the alternative, immediately hold this Siting proceeding in abeyance until the antecedent CPC Application (Docket No. A-2026-3062675) is finally decided by the Commission.

Under the Commission's recent determination in the MARL Interlocutory Order (June 1, 2026), a transmission line siting application filed concurrently with a CPC application is legally premature. Because Transource does not currently hold certificate authority to operate in Franklin County, it cannot legally seek siting authority. Moving forward on this docket now forces local landowners to prematurely engage in costly litigation on the routing merits, directly violating our due process rights.

If this application is ever reviewed on its merits, I urge the Commission to reject the proposed route based on the following severe geological, operational, and environmental impacts:

1. Subterranean Karst and Structural Instability: Transource has explicitly admitted in its 2026 filings that it was forced to completely relocate its proposed 33-acre Rice Substation due to "significant karst formations present under the property" that threaten structural integrity. This official corporate admission proves that our local limestone geology is inherently unstable. If the underground terrain is too hazardous for a substation, constructing a 24.4-mile high-voltage line across identical, sinkhole-prone karst features poses an unacceptable structural risk to the surrounding soils, local water tables, and agricultural foundations.

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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