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A-2017-2640200

QUINCY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

January 12, 2018

Quincy Township is writing this letter to the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) and all elected officials and representatives to express our concerns with the Transource project which is proposed to take place through portions of Franklin County and Quincy Township.

Transource has expressed that there is no benefits to the people in our area so why should we suffer the degradation of property values, inevitable damages to our public infrastructure, and the disruption for no benefit.

First, there should be some sort of similar reimbursement just as there was with the Marcellus Shale development to the impacted communities and property owners in and around the new infrastructure, such as royalties.

Secondly, what gives them the right to come through a community and cause damages or create obstacles on our roadway systems? Who's going to pay for any damages and stress to our roadways from this construction? Are the taxpayers to absorb this burden?

Why should the people of Quincy Township and Franklin County inequitably absorb damages, inconveniences, and real loss to property values without any incentives or punitive benefit or fair energy use savings?

Our liquid fuels money should not go to replace indentions on the road from trucks and heavy equipment where they turn on and off the roadway crossways, which typically causes indentions or cracks on the road edges.

Where is the copy of the land development plan as we require land development plans from any agency or individual for any land disturbance within our municipality which exceeds 5,000 SF? What about our local ordinances which all others must adhere to and why are they exempt from these ordinances and expect our local people to have to pay a permit fee for construction? This activity in our opinion should not be exempt and the officials of this township would like to know what law is allowing this private forprofit enterprise to come in and not obey our local ordinances?

We have a big concern of what damages they would cause to roadway systems? It is well known statistically that the type of overhead structures Transource is proposing affects property values

negatively. Statistics also show that Franklin County's fertile farmlands are some of the most fruitful harvests in Pennsylvania and the nation. Agriculture business in Pennsylvania provides nearly 580,000 jobs for nearly \$27 billion in wages and Franklin County is a big part of that overall success. Additionally, the proposed route cuts into a significant portion of some of Quincy Township's most productive farm properties, some lands of which are agriculturally protected and preserved.

The locally elected officials consider the good and bad and the whole project in general. If the new facilities were bored underground it would negate many of the adverse effects, and although construction costs would be more, we feel that the costs savings of routine flyover for ice/snow removal, maintenance and inspection by drones and helicopters year after year would constitute a significant long-term savings.

We feel that if they are to construct these facilities locally then they rightfully must be made to adhere to all local ordinances to include all state and county permit acquisitions which we also require of any other entity for construction activities. These required activities include land use permit(s), road encroachment permit(s), and PennDOT highway occupancy permit(s), PA DEP erosion and sediment control plan requirements and NPDES Permit plan submittals and approvals. We require a road bond and performance bond for all road construction activities so if something should happen and the developer refuses to remedy any issues we have a recourse to draw on the bond. What if there are endangered species, archeological sites, and environmental issues? So where are the Pennsylvania National Diversity Index (PNDI) endangered species approvals and/or studies, the archeological studies and environmental approvals?

From past records, our local utility companies do pay these permit fees the same as everyone else and it is only fair and right that Transource should have to do the same by meeting with every municipality and presenting plans and applying for all permits and requesting zoning variances if necessary through each corresponding lawful agency.

We kindly ask the PUC to take a hard look at this company's proposals, and the financial stability of this company and its financial backing, because what happens if they create damages and cannot rectify those damages? What happens if they declare bankruptcy, who is going to be responsible to pay for the costs of repairs from damages and where do the funds come from because we feel that it should not come from our local tax base? So, we ask that you do your due diligence and gather all of the pertinent facts and look into their financial backing and require them to have bonding.

As you are aware, Franklin County has the Interstate 81 corridor and they could bore down the center of the highway grassed median instead of depreciating private property, and creating barriers and negative affects on our agriculture production enterprises, and possible adverse health affects as claimed by some studies. We feel that they should send representatives to each of the municipalities to adhere to all local ordinances, and highway road encroachments and have a stronger bonding requirement to protect our local infrastructure, local governments and the taxpayers. Our local officials trust you to back up our local laws of Pennsylvania to protect our citizens in an equitable manner.

Numerous residents with which we serve have implored their representative government bodies for protection and to express their grave concerns and seek fairness and equality. I trust you will find that the other municipalities feel the same as we do with regards to this project.

Respectfully,

Kerry L. Bumbaugh

Chairman, Quincy Township Supervisors

Robert J. Gunder

Vice Chairman, Quincy Township Supervisor

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Planner and Engineering Coordinator

Quincy Township

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Franklin County Conservation District
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VERIFICATION

Docket Number: A-2017-2640200

I, ROBERT J GONDER, elected official of Quincy Township Supervisors, as such am owner/operator of maintaining public roads and utilities in the township and representing the residents, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).
Date: 1-17-2018 Signature: Cobests Hundr
(c) When an affidavit is used, it must be notarized. A filing user may file an affidavit electronically by scanning the original affidavit and submitting it as an attachment to a filing. When an affidavit is filed electronically, the original affidavit shall be filed in paper form no later than 3 business days after the electronic filing is made. The filing date for the affidavit in paper form will be determined in accordance with § 1.11(a)(1)-(3). The docket number for the filing must be clearly indicated on the original affidavit. The affidavit form should comply substantially with the following:
AFFIDAVIT
I, ROBERT J. GUNDER, (Affiant) being duly sworn (affirmed) according to law, depose and say that (I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of QUINCY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS corporation, being the holder of the office of with that corporation, and that, I am an employee or agent of QUINCY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, and have been authorized to make this affidavit on its behalf and that) the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and (I or corporation) expect to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.
(Signature of attant)
JAN 1.7 2018 Sworn and subscribed before me this
(Signature of official administering oath) (My-Commission Expires) A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU (Signature of official administering oath) (My-Commission Expires)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Letter of Official Protest has been served upon the following parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Secretary's Bureau ATTN: Docket Number A-2017-2640200 Commonwealth Keystone Building 2nd Floor, Room – N201 Harrisburg, PA 17120

First Class Mail Copy

TRANSSOURCE PENNSYLVANIA, LLC Attention: Antonio Smyth 1 Riverside Plaza Columbus, Ohio 43215-2372

Dated this

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Kerry L. Bumbaugh

Chairman, Quincy Township Supervisors

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Vice Chairman, Quincy Township Supervisors

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