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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

In Reference To:
Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC
Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter 6
For Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line
Associated with the Independent Energy Connection-West Project in Portions of
Franklin County
Docket No. A-2017-2640200

Secretary Chiavetta,

We the undersigned, Patricia G. Coulson and Thomas L. Ramsey, who reside at 7189 Fairway Drive South in Fayetteville, PA (Franklin County) file this protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West application to site and construct a 230 kV transmission line through our county of residence (A-2017-2640200). We would like to strongly register our concerns as follows (not in any particular priority order):

- * The proposed powerline will have a negative effect on property values in Franklin County. This will reduce the taxbase in Franklin County, which will then adversely impact our schools, roads, etc. Road repair costs will also go up as roads will be damaged by the associated heavy construction vehicles.
- * No-one has demonstrated a positive effect on electricity rates for the power consumers who will most directly be impacted by the proposed powerline construction. Nor has it been shown conclusively that Franklin County residents will not end up subsidizing the costs of the construction.
- * Damage and disruption to our local farmlands and farm operations will lessen the value of Franklin County agricultural production.
- * No-one has shown what the impacts will be on those property owners whose properties will be damaged by construction vehicles travelling to and from the proposed powerline right of way, nor how their damage claims wil be settled.
- * Franklin County is known for its rural character and mountain and farmland viewsheds. Our agri-tourism industry will be damaged irreparably by the proposed powerline.

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We urge that hearings on this proposed construction project be held here in Franklin County, and that the judges do actual site visits to see the course of the proposed line and how it would adversely impact our community. We respectfully request that our protest be formally registered and considered, and that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission do its due diligence in considering this Transource application.

Respectfully submitted,

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