

Protest Letter DATE: 2/15/18

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary PA Public Utility
Commission Commonwealth Keystone Bldg.
400 North Street

Harrisburg, PA 17120

Supchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and
Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line
Associated with the Independence Energy
Connection-East Project in Portions of York
County, Pennsylvania

Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania,
LLC Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57,

Docket No. A-2017-2640195

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PROTEST

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, *et seq.* and 66 Pa. C. S. Sections 1101, *et. seq.*, [Name of Protestant, or party filing the Protest] files this Protest to the Transource Filing Docket No. A-2017-2640195. In support of this Protest, Russell Burton avers as follows:

1. The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows: Russell Burton 8 South Main St Jacobus PA 17407

2. My interest in this project is I am a Limited Partner in the Burton Family Limited Partnership which is located at: 3731 Abingdon Beach Road Abingdon Md 21009. The Burton Family Limited Partnership owns a 314-acre farm in New Park PA on which Transource has proposed to build over one and a half miles of high voltage power lines. The Burton Family Limited Partnership is made up of three Limited Partners, which are my two sisters and I, and two General Partners which are our two parents. I am lodging this protest on behalf of all Partners in the Burton family Limited Partnership.

3. The grounds for our protest of this proposal:
 - A. The Burton farm consists of 174 acres of terraced crop fields, the remained 140 acres are mostly wooded. Included on the farm is an occupied log cabin house dating from the 1740s, which is one of the oldest homes in York County. Also, on the farm is a pond in a beautiful setting. The trout stream Alum Rock Run flows through the farm for over a mile with the best wooded covering of any farm stream in York County. The farm was appraised by a licensed appraiser in 2017 to have a value well above two million dollars. The loss of beauty these power lines would cause to say nothing of the loss in financial value would be impossible to repay.
 - B. The proposed power lines are to cross most of the fields on the farm. If built the 130ft right of

way for the towers would destroy the terracing on the fields which would cause rampant erosion. The right of way would disrupt farming operations and decrease the total of farmable acres by a large degree. Farming income would decrease accordingly. Any change in farming such as going organic or raising livestock would not be possible because of the power line right of way.

- C. The proposed power lines are totally unneeded. Transource could leasing space on existing lines without destroying our property or those of any along the proposed route.
4. This directly affects me by the fact that my family has owned this farm since 1972. My now very elderly parents worked very hard too be able to by this farm. We have never built anything on this farm. We have used it for recreational purposes for our family and many friends. Included in these uses are camping, hiking, hunting, fishing and fox hunting. The income from renting the fields goes to pay taxes and upkeep. The 18th century log cabin is in a lovely secluded setting which would be ruined by have power lines just down the hill. The experience of camping and fishing by our pond would be destroyed by having high voltage lines just over head. The view across our farm from standing near Blue Ball Road is one the most beautiful in all of York County. Power lines would negate the view. There is no amount of recompense that would justify the damage to our farm and the many others if these powerlines are built.

WHEREFORE, Russell Burton respectfully requests Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to investigate and the filing, and strongly impose a condition that all other existing rights of way and infrastructure should be utilized before any new power line projects are approved, and **the Commission should deny the Transource filing.**

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: Russell Burton

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**BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY
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VERIFICATION

I, Russell Burton,

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: 2/15/18

Signature: Russell Burton

Address:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Protest and Public Statement to Transource Pennsylvania, LLC, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:
Dated this 10th day of January 2018

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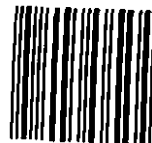
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