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#### **BEFORE THE**

## PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Supchapter G
For Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line
Associated with the Independence Energy Connection-West Project in Portions of Franklin County

Docket No. A-2017-2640200

Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC

### **PROTEST**

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, et seq. and 66 Pa. C. S. Sections 1101, et. seq., Peter J.

Whalen files this Protest to the Independence Energy Connection-West. In support of this Protest, Peter

J. Whalen avers as follows:

1. The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows:

Peter J. Whalen

12 McCoy Lane

Carlisle, PA 17015

2. The Protestant is a property owner at the Penn National Golf Course, 7205 Fairway Drive South, Fayettevile in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

3. The Protestant is filing this Protest over concern about the thoroughness of the assessment to justify this project, the project's impact to the economy and environment of Franklin County, and the future value of the Protestant's land and future home.

4. The Protestant is concerned over the lack of a thorough examination for the need for this project. Power delivery is normally reliable. This project negatively impacts property owners, particularly farmers. They incur not only the reduction but also the devaluing of their property. It is unclear if renewable energy options were considered to address this market efficiency need. The project also doesn't address upgrading transmission lines in existing rights-of-way. Also, it is unclear if local solutions in the Baltimore –DC-Northern Virginia area were considered. Energy power generation and storage is improving. Using antiquated methods is inefficient. The Protestant is also concerned about the overall negative economic impact to Franklin County. While the project may create jobs during construction, the project negatively impacts personal property values, the agriculture sector and the tourism sector of the Franklin County economy.

WHEREFORE, Peter J. Whalen respectfully requests the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission not to approve this project as it is currently filed in order to further investigate the costs and benefits of the project to the people of Franklin County, and to fully consider renewable energy options as well as local solutions for the communities that are the stated beneficiaries of this project.

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Respectfully submitted,

PETER J. WHALEN

# **VERIFICATION**

I, Peter J. Whalen, 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: February 15, 2018

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Dated: February 15, 2018

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene 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 February 15, 2018

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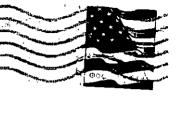
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