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Transource pursues state and federal appeals to overturn Pennsylvania Utility Commission decision

Harrisburg, PA – June 23, 2021 – Transource Pennsylvania on Tuesday filed with the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and today will file with the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania challenges to the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) order denying construction of the Independence Energy Connection (IEC) project.

PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission organization headquartered in Pennsylvania that is responsible for planning for and managing the electric grid and coordinating the flow of electricity for 13 states and the District of Columbia, identified the need for this project in 2016 and has reaffirmed its value over the past five years. The project would address congestion issues on the high-voltage grid, improve the flow of electricity to meet customer demand and prevent reliability violations for customers in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The PUC denied the project based upon concerns about whether the need established by the PJM planning process met the requirement for need specific to Pennsylvania.

In its filings, Transource explains that the PJM determination of need is the requirement that should be followed to operate a multistate regional transmission system efficiently and reliably. Participation in PJM Interconnection and its regional grid operations brings significant benefits to its member states, including \$3.7 billion of annual savings.

“New transmission infrastructure is necessary to incorporate new energy sources into the market while maintaining system reliability, and the evidence clearly demonstrates that multistate regional planning is the most effective way to meet these needs,” said Brian Weber, Transource senior vice president.

Transource filed the original applications to build the IEC project with the state commissions in December 2017. During the course of the regulatory proceedings, parties introduced several alternatives. Transource and PJM analyzed these alternative routes to ensure the project continued to meet the grid reliability and market efficiency requirements.

An alternative route, known as Alternative IEC East, was selected. It maximizes the use of existing rights-of-way and is supported by multiple project stakeholders. In June 2020, the Maryland Public Service Commission approved Transource’s application to build the project in Maryland.

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In Pennsylvania, the IEC project involves construction of two substations, one each in Franklin and York counties, and 24 miles of new 230 kV transmission line in Franklin County. The project is expected to create 130 full-time jobs and support \$40 million in local economic activity.

Additional information about the project is available at www.transourceenergyprojects.com/IndependenceEnergyConnection.

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About Transource®

Transource® is a partnership between American Electric Power (AEP) and Evergy, Inc. focused on the development of, and investment in, competitive electric transmission projects across the United States. In all, AEP and Evergy own and operate nearly 45,000 miles of transmission lines and have more than 100 years of expertise in the planning, design, engineering, construction and operation of transmission systems. AEP owns 86.5 percent of Transource. Evergy owns 13.5. Transource is a member of three regional transmission organizations — PJM Interconnection, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) — which together serve all or part of 28 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and the province of Manitoba in Canada. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Transource also has offices in Kansas City, Missouri; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Dallas, Texas.

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