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TRANSOURCE TO TAKE COMMENT ON REFINED PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Company announces second round of open houses

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 24, 2017 – Beginning today, Transource is taking input on refined preliminary alternative routes for the Independence Energy Connection (IEC), a new overhead electric transmission line project. This is the second phase of public review before the company determines a proposed route to file with state regulators.

In June, the company presented study segments to the public and received comments. Many of the study segments initially presented have been removed to arrive at the preliminary alternative routes now being announced. The company continues to take comments online, by phone, by mail and in person at the open houses in August.

As with the first open houses, attendees can talk with Transource team members, learn about the project, review maps and provide input. There is no formal presentation, so attendees are welcome to come at any point throughout the evening.

The open houses are scheduled for:

- **Monday, August 7 from 6-9 p.m., Smithsburg Middle School (Gym), Smithsburg, Md.**
- **Tuesday, August 8 from 6-9 p.m., Kauffman Ruritan Club and Community Center, Chambersburg, Pa.**
- **Wednesday, August 9 from 6-9 p.m., Norrisville Elementary School (Gym), White Hall, Md.**
- **Thursday, August 10 from 6-9 p.m. Kennard-Dale High School (Cafeteria), Fawn Grove, Pa.**

“The comments we receive play an active role in our decision-making process to determine a proposed route. Additionally, based on feedback, we are now considering the use of a steel monopole in addition to lattice structures,” said Todd Burns, Transource director. “We encourage people to continue to participate in the process.”

Totaling \$320 million, the project includes approximately 40 miles of new 230 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission lines, two new substations and additional upgrades to integrate the facilities into the grid. The new transmission lines will connect to two existing 500 kV transmission lines in Pennsylvania to substations in Maryland and provide two new additional pathways to alleviate electric gridlock and increase consumer access to low-cost electricity.

PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission operator for 13 states, including Pennsylvania and Maryland, identified the need for the project and estimates that it will save the region’s customers more than \$600 million in electric costs in the first 15 years.

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The company plans to announce a proposed route and file applications to construct the project with state regulators by the end of the year. Construction of the IEC is expected to begin in 2019, with a project in-service date of mid-2020. Additional information can be found on the project website at www.TranssourceEnergy.com/Projects/Independence.

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Transource® is a partnership between American Electric Power (AEP) and Great Plains Energy (GPE) focused on the development of, and investment in, competitive electric transmission projects across the United States. In all, AEP and GPE 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. GPE owns 13.5. Transource is a member of three regional transmission organizations — PJM Interconnection, the Midwest 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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