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TRANSOURCE ANNOUNCES PROPOSED ROUTES FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Company readies applications to file with state regulators in Pennsylvania and Maryland

COLUMBUS, Ohio, October 16, 2017 – Transource Energy today announced the routes that it will file with state regulators for the Independence Energy Connection (IEC), a new overhead electric transmission infrastructure project in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission organization for the area, identified the need for the \$320 million upgrade to alleviate congestion on the high-voltage electric grid and benefit customers in the region, including parts of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

- **The East segment of the project includes approximately 16 miles of new overhead electric transmission line that will connect a new substation to be constructed in Lower Chanceford Township in York County, Pa., to the existing Conastone Substation, near Norrisville in Harford County, Md.**
- **The West segment of the project includes approximately 29 miles of new overhead electric transmission line that will connect a new substation to be constructed in Southampton Township in Franklin County, Pa., to the existing Ringgold Substation, near Smithsburg in Washington County, Md.**

Transource hosted two rounds of open house meetings this summer and presented more than 250 miles of route options for review. The 10 events provided landowners and community members the opportunity to give detailed input to the project team. All submitted input was incorporated into determining the final proposed routes. Transource worked to balance the public input with a variety of factors such as existing land use, sensitive species and habitats, soils and topography, historic and cultural resources, and the opportunity to parallel existing infrastructure.

In addition to presenting routing options, Transource presented two structure types to the public: self-supporting lattice and monopole. The majority of comments the company received supported the monopole option, and that is what Transource will use, except in areas where engineering or construction needs dictate another structure type.

“By including community members in the siting process, rather than engaging them after decisions were made, we were able to consider and accommodate many landowner requests,” said Todd Burns, Transource director. “The input gathered over the last few months was a critical component of our decision-making process. We are confident that the route selection strikes the balance between building the required infrastructure that powers our homes and economy, while respecting land use and the environment in these communities. We look forward to continuing to work with these communities as an engaged partner as we move forward with the regulatory approval phase of the project.”

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The project website has maps of the proposed routes, and the company is notifying involved landowners, as well as people who have been part of the process.

Transource plans to file applications to construct the project with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Maryland Public Service Commission 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.TransourceEnergy.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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