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Mark Takahashi, Chairman
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Chairman Takahashi and Members of the PJM Board,

It is my distinct honor to write to you today as the State Representative that serves approximately 65,000 citizens of Franklin County in the Pennsylvania State Legislature in Harrisburg. I have been closely following the Transource 9-A project proposed to run through the heart of the 89th District, my district. The continued retention of this ill-advised suspended project in PJM's RTEP is against the weight of the public good, and PJM's own benefit/cost analysis standards. As such, it is time for PJM to abandon this failed endeavor.

If the Board retains this project, further costs will be forced upon the citizens of Pennsylvania, not to mention the increase in uncertainty among my constituents regarding their own property rights. Your own Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee has conceded that it will not be able to meet the 1.25:1 benefit/cost threshold ratio. Using TEAC's numbers from the most recent evaluation, this project showed a benefit/cost ratio of 0.81 (1.09 if the sunk costs are excluded), far below the threshold.

Energy affordability and grid reliability are two of the most important challenges we face as part of the PJM market. This great Commonwealth bears the burden of energy production for the surrounding PJM states, and yet we shoulder the same rate increases just as they do. This project, largely built in Pennsylvania, does nothing for Pennsylvania ratepayers. It does not meet the minimum benefit/cost standards required by this Board to find viability for retention of projects in PJM's RTEP.

This Transource project is against the public good and will not meet the threshold required to be built. Furthermore, it would have far-reaching negative effects on my constituents for many generations to come. The good people of the Cumberland Valley understand that the transmission lines will bring no cost savings to electric consumers in our region, company

ratepayers will take on the burden of construction upkeep and litigation, and the scenic beauty of our farmlands and community will irreparably change forever.

Please consider these comments and do the right thing. It is time to abandon this project from PJM's RTEP.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Kauffman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob Kauffman, Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
89th Legislative District