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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

December 21, 2018

In the Matter of the Application of	*	
Transource Maryland, LLC for a Certificate	*	Case No. 9471
of Public Convenience and Necessity to	*	
Construct Two New 230 kV Transmission	*	
Lines Associated with the Independence	*	
Energy Connection Project in Portion of	*	
Harford and Washington Counties, Maryland	*	
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND**

To: All Parties of Record and Interested Persons

On December 20, 2018, Power Plant Research Program (“PPRP”), Department of Natural Resources, filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a Motion to Dismiss the Application of Transource Maryland, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity without Prejudice or, in the Alternative, to Suspend the Schedule (“Motion”).<sup>1</sup> In its Motion, PPRP alleges that Transource failed “to carry out the predicate analysis required in §7-209 of the Public Utilities Article (“PUA”). Public Utilities Article §7–209, which requires that

- (a) The Commission shall examine alternatives to the construction of a new transmission line in a service area, including the use of an existing transmission line of another company, if:
  - (1) the existing transmission line is convenient to the service area; or
  - (2) the use of the transmission line will best promote economic and efficient service to the public.
- (b) In considering the use of an existing transmission line under subsection (a) of this section, the Commission need not consider whether the company that owns the line has a franchise in a service area.”

PPRR states that “Transource did not identify, nor did it provide the required examination under §7-209 of the PUA of specific existing electric transmission lines as an alternative to building the new transmission line proposed by the Applicant. (footnote omitted).”

<sup>1</sup> ML# 223364.

Any responses to PPRP's Motion shall be filed by January 7, 2019. An original and 17 paper copies, and one electronic copy,<sup>2</sup> of the comments shall be submitted to Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 20201. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Terry J. Romine*

Terry J. Romine  
Executive Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission encourages the use of its E-file system to submit the electronic copy. The E-file system may be access via the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us) (Online Services).