

ORDER NO. 89029

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRANSOURCE MARYLAND LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INDEPENDENCE ENERGY CONNECTION PROJECT IN PORTIONS OF HARFORD AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, MARYLAND	* * * * * * * * * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND _____ CASE NO. 9471 _____
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Issue Date: February 8, 2019

On January 23, 2019, the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment in response to Power Plant Research Program, Department of Natural Resources’ (“PPRP”) request for further modification to the procedural schedule in the above captioned proceeding.¹ In its letter, PPRP requested that the time between the filing of rebuttal testimony (March 18, 2019) and surrebuttal testimony (April 1, 2019) be extended for 45 days. The Commission’s Staff (“Staff”), Maryland Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”), and STOP Transource Power Lines MD, Inc. (“STOP Transource”) filed comments in support of PPRP’s request.² Transource Maryland, LLC (“Transource” “the Applicant”) filed a letter on February 4, 2019³ in response to PPRP’s request indicating that the Applicant has agreed to work with PPRP to provide additional analysis and evidence regarding PPRP’s Conceptual Alternatives,

¹ Notice of Opportunity to Comment, ML# 223720.

² Staff filing, ML #223861; OPC filing, ML# 223735; STOP Transource filing, ML# 223838.

³ Transource filing, ML# 223862.

and proposed a modification to the procedural schedule that would extend the dates for each round of testimony.

Transource proposed several modifications to the procedural schedule, and indicates that PPRP, Staff, OPC and Harford County, Maryland do not object to its proposal. Transource’s proposed schedule is as follows:

	Current Schedule	Proposed New Dates
Staff, OPC, PPRP, Intervenor Direct Testimony	February 25	April 12
Rebuttal Testimony	March 18	May 8
Surrebuttal Testimony	April 1	May 22
Rejoinder Testimony	Live during hearings	Live during hearings
Evidentiary Hearings	Start April 8	June 3 – 13 June 17 and 18 if needed

The Commission finds that the proposed schedule accommodates the interest of the parties, and allows the parties to incorporate into their direct testimony any responses by Transource to discovery that is underway by PPRP, and thus will result in a more fulsome record. Accordingly, the schedule modifications proposed by Transource are hereby adopted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 8th day of February in the year Two Thousand Nineteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the request by the Power Plant Research Program to further modify the procedural schedule in the matter is granted;

(2) That the modifications to the procedural schedule proposed by Transource Maryland LLC in its filing dated February 4, 2019 are adopted, and the procedural schedule in this matter is modified as follows:

- (a) Staff, PPRP, OPC and Intervenors shall file direct testimony by April 12, 2019;
- (b) All Parties shall file rebuttal testimony by May 8, 2019;
- (c) All Parties' Surrebuttal Testimony and PPRP Reply to Public Comments (if needed) to be filed by May 22, 2019; and
- (d) Live Rejoinder Testimony may be allowed among the parties (as needed) during the evidentiary hearings.

An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy,⁴ of the pleadings shall be submitted to Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched. The Parties are directed to serve all testimony electronically on all parties no later than 6:00 p.m. on the date of the filing;

(3) That the Parties shall abide by the discovery procedure set forth in Order No. 88585;

(4) That evidentiary hearings will be held in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202 on the dates and times as follows:

⁴ The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing the electronic copy. Details of the "e-file" system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us. Persons are reminded that if the "e-file" system is used, the original and required paper copies of the filing must be delivered to the Commission's docket room by noon, the next business day after the e-filing is made to retain the filing date of the e-filed document. In the event the paper copies are received after noon of the next business day, the date on which the paper copies are received becomes the official filing date.

- (a) June 3, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (b) June 4, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (c) June 5, 2019, beginning at 1 p.m.;
- (d) June 6, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (e) June 7, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (f) June 10, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (g) June 11, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (h) June 12, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m.; and
- (i) June 13, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In the event additional hearing days are required to complete the evidentiary hearing, the hearings will continue, as needed, on:

- (a) June 17, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and
- (b) June 18, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

The Commission reserves the right to revise the hearing schedule, as needed;

(5) The evidentiary hearings scheduled in this matter on April 8 to April 12, 2019; April 15 to April 18, 2019; and April 23 to April 25, 2019 are hereby cancelled. The hearings for public comment dates initially planned to be held in March 2019 are hereby cancelled; and

(6) That Transource Maryland LLC is directed to coordinate with the Commission's Executive Secretary and the other parties in the matter to determine

appropriate dates and locations for the hearings for public comments that will be held in Harford County and in Washington County.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary