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May 18, 2010

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary  
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Re: Petition of West Penn Power Company d/b/a  
Allegheny Power for Expedited Approval of  
its Smart Meter Technology Procurement  
and Installation Plan  
Docket No. M-2009-2123951

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On May 13, 2010, Allegheny Power filed a Petition to Stay the Exceptions Period for the Initial Decision issued by Administrative Law Judge Mark A. Hoyer on May 6, 2010. Allegheny Power states in its Petition that it seeks to stay the Exception Period so that the parties may consider the impact of the proposed merger of Allegheny Power and its affiliates into FirstEnergy Corporation on Allegheny Power's proposed Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan.

The Office of Consumer Advocate supports this Petition and joins in Allegheny Power's request for a Stay of the Exceptions Period.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 783-5048.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy M. Appleby".

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cc: All parties of record  
Honorable Mark A. Hoyer  
Cheryl Walker Davis, Office of Special Assistants

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Petition of West Penn Power Company :  
d/b/a Allegheny Power for Expedited : Docket No. M-2009-2123951  
Approval of its Smart Meter Technology :  
Procurement and Installation Plan :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, the letter of the Office of Consumer Advocate, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

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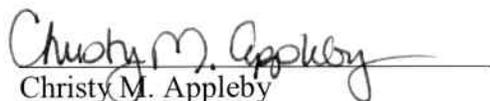
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