ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Barry A. Naum Direct Dial (717) 795-2742 bnaum@spilmanlaw.com

June 15, 2016

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120 **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Re:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. West Penn Power Company;

Docket No. R-2016-2537359

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission") the Petition to Intervene of Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, "Walmart"), in the above-referenced matters.

This document was filed electronically with the Commission on this date. All parties are being served a copy of this document in accordance with the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE, PLLC

By

Derrick Price Williamson

Barry A. Naum

BAN/sds Enclosures

c.

Administrative Law Judge Mary D. Long (via E-mail and First-Class Mail) Certificate of Service

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission :

:

v. : Docket No. R-2016-2537359

:

West Penn Power Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the following parties to this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by participant).

VIA E-MAIL & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Tori L. Giesler, Esquire FirstEnergy Service Company 2800 Pottsville Pike Reading, PA 19612 tgiesler@firstenergycorp.com

Thomas P. Gadsen, Esquire
Anthony C. DeCusatis, Esquire
Catherine G. Vasudevan, Esquire
Brooke E. McGlinn, Esquire
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
1701 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
thomas.gadsden@morganlewis.com
anthony.decusatis@morganlewis.com
catherine.vasudevan@morganlewis.com
brooke.mcglinn@morganlewis.com

Allison C. Kaster, Esquire
Gina L. Lauffer, Esquire
Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
akaster@pa.gov
ginlauffer@pa.gov

Darryl Lawrence, Esquire
Lauren M. Burge, Esquire
David T. Evrard, Esquire
Candis A. Tunilo, Esquire
Office of Consumer Advocate
5th Floor, Forum Place
555 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
dlawrence@paoca.org
lburge@paoca.org
devrard@paoca.org
ctunilo@paoca.org

Certificate of Service Docket No. R-2016-2537359 Page 2

Daniel Asmus, Esquire
Office of Small Business Advocate
Commerce Building, Suite 1102
300 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
dasmus@pa.gov

Joseph Otis Minott, Esquire Ernest Logan Welde, Esquire Clean Air Council 135 S. 19th Street Suite 300 Philadelphia, PA 19103 joe_minott@cleanair.org lwelde@cleanair.org

Scott J. Rubin, Esquire Law Office of Scott J. Rubin 333 Oak Lane Bloomsburg, PA 17815-2036 scott.j.rubin@gmail.com Susan E. Bruce, Esquire
Charis Mincavage, Esquire
Vasiliki Karandrikas, Esquire
Kenneth Stark, Esquire
Alessandra L. Hylander, Esquire
McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC
100 Pine Street
P.O. Box 1166
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1166
sbruce@mcneeslaw.com
cmincavage@mcneeslaw.com
vkarandrikas@mcneeslaw.com
vkarandrikas@mcneeslaw.com
ahylander@mcneeslaw.com

Joline Price, Esquire
Elizabeth R. Marx, Esquire
Patrick M. Cicero, Esquire
Pennsylvania Utility Law Project
118 Locust Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
pulp@palegalaid.net

George Jugovic, Jr.
Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future
200 First Avenue, Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
jugovic@pennfuture.org

VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Jeanette Lippy 3672 Centennial Road Hanover, PA 17331

Kenneth Springirth 4720 Cliff Drive Erie, PA 16511 Janine & Jeff Ribblett 240 Churchill Street Johnstown, PA 15904

Richard Collins, Engineer 440 Monmouth Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066-5756 Certificate of Service Docket No. R-2016-2537359 Page 3

Robert Redinger, Jr. 1881 Painters Run Road Pittsburgh, PA 15241 George W. Kerr, Borough Council President Worthington Borough Street Lights P.O. Box 66 Worthington, PA 16262

Barry A. Naum

Dated: June 15, 2016

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

.

: Docket No. R-2016-2537359

West Penn Power Company

v.

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP AND SAM'S EAST, INC.

TO THE HONORABLE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71 through 5.74, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, "Walmart"), hereby file this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support thereof, Walmart states as follows:

- 1. Petitioner is Walmart, 2001 SE 10th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716-0550.
- 2. The name and address of Petitioner's attorneys are:

Derrick Price Williamson
Barry A. Naum
SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE, PLLC
1100 Bent Creek Boulevard, Suite 101
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Phone: (717) 795-2742

Fax: (717) 795-2743
dwilliamson@spilmanlaw.com
bnaum@spilmanlaw.com

3. On April 28, 2016, West Penn Power Company ("West Penn" or "Company") filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission") Supplement No. 10 to West Penn's Tariff Electric – Pa. P.U.C. No. 38 and Supplement No. 15 to the Company's Tariff Electric – Pa. P.U.C. No. 40 (collectively, the "Filing"), representing a request for a general increase in the Company's electric distribution rates of approximately \$98.2 million,

or 5.51% above current rates, to be effective June 27, 2016. This effective date of new rates was suspended until January 27, 2017, by Order of the Commission issued on June 9, 2016.

- 4. Walmart is a national retailer with 160 facilities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including a large number of facilities in the Company's service territory. These facilities include Walmart Supercenters, Discount Stores, Sam's Clubs, distribution centers, and gas stations. Walmart takes service from West Penn primarily pursuant to Rate Schedule 35 General Power Service, and the cost of electricity comprises a significant portion of the operating costs of Walmart's various retail and distribution locations.
- 5. The Commission's final determination in this proceeding may directly impact the terms and conditions of the electric service that Walmart receives from the Company. Walmart therefore has a direct, substantial, and unique interest in the outcome of this proceeding that is not represented by any other party. See 52 Pa. Code § 5.72(a)(2).

WHEREFORE, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc., requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and provide Walmart with full party status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

By

Derrick Price Williamson (Pa. I.D. No. 69274)

Barry A. Naum (Pa. I.D. No. 204869)

SPILMAN THOMAS & BATTLE, PLLC

1100 Bent Creek Boulevard, Suite 101

Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Phone: (717) 795-2742

Fax: (717) 795-2743

dwilliamson@spilmanlaw.com bnaum@spilmanlaw.com

Counsel to Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc.

Dated: June 15, 2016

VERIFICATION

I, Barry A. Naum, Counsel to Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc., hereby state that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition to Intervene are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements made herein are made subject to 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (pertaining to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: June 15, 2016

Barry A. Naum