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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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Re: *Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company for Approval of their Smart Meter Deployment Plans;*
Docket Nos. M-2013-2341990, M-2013-2341991, M-2013-2341993 and M-2013-2341994

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On August 3, 2015, Metropolitan Edison Company (“Met-Ed”), Pennsylvania Electric Company (“Penelec”), Pennsylvania Power Company (“Penn Power”), and West Penn Power Company (“West Penn”) (collectively, the “Companies”) submitted their 2015 Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan Annual Progress Report. The Report highlights the Companies’ smart meter deployment efforts consistent with the Companies’ Revised Deployment Plan approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on June 25, 2014. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update to the Commission on certain information within the Report, which is discussed further below.

From mid-2014 through 2015, smart meter deployment occurred in the Penn Power service territory. Pages 17 and 18 of the Report describe the Penn Power deployment. In large measure, deployment was successful with one limited exception. Certain meter sockets, i.e. 60 Amp meter sockets and other round sockets, were in need of replacement. The Companies began replacing all such meter sockets with 100 Amp meter enclosures. At the time of the Report, the Companies estimated that between 45,000 and 60,000 meter sockets would require replacement throughout the four service territories at a cost of approximately \$500 per socket. Based on this estimate, the Companies predicted that replacement costs would fall within the estimated costs for installation maintenance/repair work included within the Revised Deployment Plan.

As the Companies enter full-scale smart meter deployment in all service territories, the Companies now expect to replace approximately 75,000 meter sockets. The estimated costs associated with these meter socket replacements have also increased to approximately \$660 to

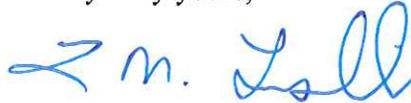
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\$700 per socket, and it is now likely that the Companies will exceed the estimated costs for maintenance/repair work identified in the Revised Deployment Plan. The Companies have decided to continue to replace, with customer approval, all identified 60 Amp and round meter sockets despite the increase in estimated costs in order to maintain safe and reliable electric service for customers. The Companies confirmed that all customer advocate representatives (the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Met-Ed Industrial Users Group, the Penelec Industrial Customer Alliance, the Penn Power Users Group, and the West Penn Power Industrial Intervenors) do not object to this replacement.

The replacement of these meter sockets falls within the scope of the Revised Deployment Plan, which permits the Companies to make necessary equipment replacements as part of smart meter deployment. All costs associated with deployment will continue to be collected through the Companies' Smart Meter Technologies Charge Riders (to the extent they are not included within base rates).

If the Commission seeks additional information related to the Companies' meter socket replacement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison	:	Docket No. M-2013-2341990
Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company,	:	M-2013-2341991
Pennsylvania Power Company and West	:	M-2013-2341993
Penn Power Company for Approval of	:	M-2013-2341994
their Smart Meter Deployment Plans	:	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the individuals listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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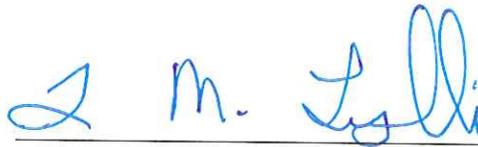
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