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April 10, 2018

Docket No. M-2018-3000949

Utility Code: 111250

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Re: Periodic Review of West Penn Power Company’s Long Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan

Dear Mr. Munsch:

The Commission is required to review a utility’s Long Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan (LTIIP) periodically, but at least once every five (5) years[[1]](#footnote-1). Unless otherwise directed, the review shall begin at the midpoint of the term of the current LTIIP. West Penn Power Company’s (West Penn’s) current LTIIP[[2]](#footnote-2) began with calendar year 2015 and thus the midpoint is approximately July 1, 2018.

West Penn is hereby notified that the Commission will begin the review of their LTIIP on April 11, 2018. The Commission’s review will determine:

1. If West Penn has adhered to its LTIIP
2. If changes to the LTIIP are necessary to maintain and improve the efficiency, safety, adequacy and reliability of West Penn’s existing distribution infrastructure.

Upon completion of the review, the Commission shall issue an Order with a determination of whether or not West Penn has adhered to its LTIIP and if any changes to the LTIIP are necessary. The Commission will direct West Penn to revise, update, or resubmit its LTIIP as appropriate if it determines West Penn’s approved LTIIP is no longer adequate to ensure and maintain efficient, adequate, safe, reliable and reasonable service. Upon such a determination, West Penn may elect to withdraw its LTIIP rather than comply with the Commission’s direction. West Penn’s approved distribution system improvement surcharge (DSIC) mechanism would immediately terminate upon such a withdrawal.

To aid in its review the Commission is establishing a thirty (30) day comment period beginning from the date of this letter and a twenty (20) day reply comment period.[[3]](#footnote-3) A copy of this letter has been served upon the statutory advocates, the Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement, and the parties of record from West Penn’s most recent base rate case proceeding,[[4]](#footnote-4) consistent with the LTIIP filing and review procedures.[[5]](#footnote-5)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Washko in the Bureau of Technical Utilities Services at [dawashko@pa.gov](mailto:dawashko@pa.gov), or 717-425-7401.

 Sincerely,

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1. 52 Pa. Code § 121.7(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Docket No. P-2015-2508948. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 52 Pa. Code § 121.7(c). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Docket No. R-2016-2537359. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. 52 Pa. Code § 121.4(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)