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|  | **PENNSYLVANIA****PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION****Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265** |  |

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|  | Public Meeting held February 24, 2022 |
| Commissioners Present: |  |

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|  Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman |
|  John F. Coleman, Jr., Vice Chairman |
|  Ralph V. Yanora |
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| Pole Attachment Working Group | M-2020-3019408L-2018-3002672 |

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 77.7, the Commission has established a Pole Attachment Working Group (Working Group) to ensure 1) that the Commission remains apprised of industry and public concerns, 2) that changes to the federal pole attachments rules are properly vetted before they come into effect in Pennsylvania, and 3) to provide feedback to the Commission on the functioning of its regulations and dispute resolution processes as they relate to pole attachments.

 Following the entry of our latest supplemental membership order on June 17, 2021, an additional party, Orbital Engineering, Inc. (Orbital Engineering), has requested membership in the Working Group. Orbital Engineering’s Utility Infrastructure Improvement Department partners with electric utilities and communications carriers in engineering and construction operations for joint-use pole attachment programs, distribution engineering design projects, and Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) programs, among other tasks. Thus, Orbital Engineering has expressed significant interest in the pole attachment processes employed by the Commission.

 The Commission determines that the inclusion of Orbital Engineering in the Working Group would improve the representation of third-party construction and engineering consultants that conduct make-ready work for utility poles. Adding this party will therefore supplement the existing expertise and representative experience of the Working Group. The current membership of the Working Group is listed in Appendix A.

 Accordingly, the Commission finds it appropriate to appoint Orbital Engineering, Inc., to the Pole Attachment Working Group.

**THEREFORE,**

 **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the appointment to the Pole Attachment Working Group of Orbital Engineering, Inc., is approved.

2. The contact persons for the Pole Attachment Working Group is Colin W. Scott, Assistant Counsel, (717) 783‑5949.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: February 24, 2022

ORDER ENTERED: February 24, 2022

**Appendix A**

**Pole Attachment Working Group Appointees**

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| **Entity Name** |
| Public Utility Commission - Bureau of Consumer Services |
| Public Utility Commission - Law Bureau |
| Public Utility Commission – Office of Special Assistants |
| Public Utility Commission – Bureau of Technical Utility Services |
| Public Utility Commission – Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement |
| Public Utility Commission – Office of Administrative Law Judge, Mediation Office |
| Office of Consumer Advocate |
| Office of Small Business Advocate |
| Governor’s Office of Broadband Initiatives |
| Pennsylvania Telephone Association |
| Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania |
| International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers |
| Wellsboro Electric Company |
| Davey Resource Group Inc. |
| Citizens' Electric Company |
| PPL Electric Utilities Corporation |
| Verizon North, LLC. |
| Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC. |
| CTIA - The Wireless Association |
| Crown Castle Fiber, LLC. |
| Duquesne Light Company |
| DQE Communications LLC |
| PECO Energy Co. |
| FirstLight Fiber, Inc. |
| Energy Association of Pennsylvania |
| Department of General Services – Office of Enterprise Wireless Management |
| Pennsylvania Department of Transportation |
| NetSpeed LLC |
| MAW Communications, Inc. |
| First Energy |
| Comcast Corporation |
| Rolka Loube Saltzer and Associates, LLC |
| UGI Corporation |
| Salsgiver Telecom Inc. |
| Orbital Engineering, Inc. |