

April 1, 2022

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO OUR FILE

Docket No. M-2022-3031217

TORI GIESLER, ESQUIRE. FIRST ENERGY 2800 POTTSVILLE PIKE READING, PA 19612-6001 tgiesler@firstenergycorp.com

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

Dear Ms. Giesler:

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 Unless otherwise directed, the review shall begin at the midpoint of the term of the current LTIIP. West Penn Power Company's (West Penn) current LTIIP began with calendar year 2020 and thus the midpoint is approximately July 1, 2022.

West Penn is hereby notified that the Commission will begin the review of its LTIIP on April 1, 2022, at the above captioned docket number. 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 existing distribution infrastructure.

Upon completion of the review, the Commission shall issue an Order with a determination of whether 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.² 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, consistent with the LTIIP filing and review procedures.³ For comments, the Commission strongly encourages

¹ 52 Pa. Code § 121.7(a).

² 52 Pa. Code § 121.7(c).

³ 52 Pa. Code § 121.4(a).

submission through e-filing with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an e-filing account through the Commission's website and accepting eservice at <u>https://efiling.puc.pa.gov</u>. The Commission is accepting all public documents through our e-filing system at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Harry R. Bidelspach in the Bureau of Technical Utility Services at <u>hbidelspac@pa.gov</u>, or 717-425-7401.

Sincerely,

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