## PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Public Meeting held February 22, 2024

### Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman Kimberly M. Barrow, Vice Chair Ralph V. Yanora, Commissioner Kathryn L. Zerfuss, Commissioner John F. Coleman, Jr., Commissioner

PA One Call – Act 50 of 2017; Damage Prevention Committee Appointments Docket No. M-2018-3000261

#### **ORDER**

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration is one recommended appointment to the Damage Prevention Committee (DPC) provided for in the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, Act of October 30, 2017, P.L.806, No. 50 (Act 50). We shall approve the candidate recommended by the Commission's Executive Director; this appointee will serve a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2024. <sup>1</sup>

On April 30, 2018, Act 50, the Underground Utility Line Protection Law (One Call Law) became effective assigning certain duties and responsibilities associated with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under 73 P.S. § 182.8(a)(4)(i), "An appointment to the committee shall begin January 1." Under 73 P.S. § 182.2(a)(4)(ii), "Except for initial terms under clause 5, a committee member's term shall be for a term of three years."

Pennsylvania's One Call system to the Commission. One of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Commission is to appoint eligible and qualified persons to the DPC. 73 P.S. § 182.8(a). Under 73 P.S. § 182.8(a)(4)(1) and (ii), an appointment to the Committee shall begin on January 1, and the terms of committee members shall be for a term of three years.

Section 182.8(a) of the One Call Law, 73 P.S. § 182.8(a), establishes the membership and the criteria of the representatives to serve on the DPC, which consists of 13 appointees with the authority to review, make recommendations, and resolve among aggrieved parties, violations of the One Call Law. As relevant, subsections 182.8(a)(1)(iv) and (3) provide as follows:

- (a) A damage prevention committee shall be established as follows:
  - (1) The committee shall consist of the following members, appointed by the commission:

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(iv) One representative from each of the following nonmunicipally owned or affiliated facility own industries: electric, natural gas or petroleum pipelines, telephone, water or wastewater and cable television, nominated by facility owners or affiliated organizations.

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(3) A nomination under clause (1)(iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) shall be forwarded to the secretary of the commission. The executive director of the commission shall provide recommended candidates to the commission for approval.

The current vacancy on the DPC is the Natural Gas or Petroleum Pipeline industry position under Section 182.8(a)(1)(iv) of the Act. This vacancy was made available by the expiration of the term of a seated member of the DPC who no longer seeks reappointment. This vacancy was initially solicited on September 30, 2023 via

publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and publication on the Commission's website. We received a single nomination to fill this position but concluded that the applicant did not meet the qualifications for this position on the DPC. Therefore, we ordered on December 21, 2023 that the remaining DPC vacancy representing the natural gas or petroleum pipeline industry shall be republished in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and on the Commission website.

Nominations to fill the vacancy were solicited via the Commission's website on January 5, 2024 and via publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on January 13, 2024 with a closing date of February 5, 2024. By publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, the Commission requested qualified candidates to submit their resumes to the Secretary of the Commission by the close of business on February 5, 2024. After review of the nominations submitted to the Commission, the Commission is approving the following individual to serve as a member of the DPC for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2024: Alicia Bozic, representing the Natural Gas or Petroleum Pipeline industry under Section 182.8(a)(1)(iv), 73 P.S. § 182.8(a)(1)(iv).

### THEREFORE,

#### IT IS ORDERED:

1. The following candidate is approved as a member of the Damage Prevention Committee for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2024: Alicia Bozic, representing the Natural Gas or Petroleum Pipeline industry under Section 182.8(a)(1)(iv).

# BY THE COMMISSION

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: February 22, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: February 22, 2024