PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Joint Application of West Penn Power Company d/b/a Allegheny Power, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company and FirstEnergy Corp. (Joint Applicants) for a Certificate of Public Convenience under Section 1102(a)(3) of the Public Utility Code approving a change of control of West Penn Power Company and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company Public Meeting February 24, 2011 2176520-OSA Docket Nos. A-2010-2176520 A-2010-2176732

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.

Prior to joining my staff, Matthew Totino was employed by a law firm that served as counsel to West Penn Power Company in the above-captioned proceeding. Therefore, to avoid any appearance of impropriety arising from his previous employment, I wish to note that I have not been advised by Matthew Totino regarding this matter.

DATE: February 24, 2011

JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR., COMMISSIONER