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Re: 2010 Annual Reliability Report – West Penn Power Company - Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.195(a) and (b)

L-00030161

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

Enclosed for filing on behalf of West Penn Power Company, ("West Penn Power") are an original and six (6) copies of their Joint 2010 Annual Reliability Report.

Sincerely,

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2010 Annual Reliability Report

West Penn Power Company

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.195(a) and (b)

2010 Annual Reliability Report West Penn Power Company Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter § 57.195(a)(b)

The following 2010 Report ("Report") is submitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

("PaPUC") on behalf of West Penn Power Company ("West Penn Power").

<u>Section 57.195(b)(1)</u> An overall current assessment of the state of the system reliability in the EDC's service territory including a discussion of the EDC's current programs and procedures for providing reliable electric service.

Current Assessment of the State of System Reliability

Reliability Results

The table below, taken from the 4th Quarter 2010 Joint Reliability Report, shows all three reliability indices in 2010 were better than the Commission's 12-Month Standard (shown in green).

12 Month Polling	West Penn Power			
a z monur Komny	Benchmark	12-Month Standard	12-Month Actual	
SAIFI	1.05	1.26	1.00	
CAIDI	170	204	190	
SAIDI	179	257	191	
Customers Served ^(a)	713,122			
Number of Sustained Interruptions	14,805			
Customers Affected	715,735			
Customer Minutes	136,121,784			

(a) Represents the average number of customers served during the reporting period.

West Penn Power has implemented technology to measure reliability and respond to forced outage events. Technologies such as Automated Mapping/Facilities Management, Outage Management System, Call Center Interactive Voice Response, Computerized Work Management System and mobile technologies all support timely response to field conditions. In 2010, West Penn Power began to realize the benefits from the two software additions that were implemented in 2009 to aid in the restoration effort. These two software additions are a Dashboard software system for the OMS system called Obvient and a Mobile Workforce Management system called Avail.

A corporate training center, reliability programs and processes to support reliability initiatives are in place to continually address and improve distribution reliability. These and other initiatives such as damage assessment training also support intense work efforts for responding to severe weather events. Well-established maintenance programs are in place to ensure the existing system will continue to operate in a safe and reliable manner. West Penn Power also has maintenance programs in place to address poor performing circuits as well as specific line segments where reliability issues may exist, as revelaed by three or more device interruptions.

Weather events continue to affect circuit reliability and reliability statistics. Major events, discussed later in this report, are excluded from statistics but can affect budgets and work plans. Other, less severe weather events, are included in statistics and can contribute significantly to reliability statistics, especially on an individual circuit basis.

i2-Month	West Penn Power			
Rolling	Benchmark	12-Month Standard	12-Month Actual	
SAIFI	1.05	1.26	1.15	
CAIDI	170	204	189	
SAIDI	179	257	217	

The preliminary YTD March 2011 reliability indices (shown in green) are listed in the table below:

West Penn Power is exceeding all indices for the Commission's 12-Month Standard, through month-end March 2011. West Penn is confident that their 2011 plans will continue to have a positive impact on reliability.

<u>Section 57.195(b)(2)</u> A description of each major event that occurred during the year being reported on, including the time and duration of the event, the number of customers affected, the cause of the event and any modified procedures adopted to avoid or minimize the impact of similar events in the future.

Major Events

A major event is determined by having 10% of West Penn Power's customers out of service for 5 minutes or greater as defined in 52 Pa. Code 57.192. This annual report for 2010 is based on the exclusion of major events on an individual operating company basis and is consistent with the major events reported in each of the 2010 quarterly reports. The major events for 2010, is as follows:

Time and Duration of the Event		Customers Affected	Cause of the Event	Commission Approval
Duration	11 days 2 hours 6 minutes			
Start Date/Time	February 5, 2010 5:04pm	300,000	Storm event with heavy, wet snow.	Approved March 17, 2010
End Date/Time	February 16, 2010 7:10pm			
Duration	3 days 7 hours 8 minutes			Approved May 17, 2010
Start Date/Time	April 16, 2010 2:48pm	106,000	Storm event with strong winds and lightning.	
End Date/Time	April 19, 2010 10:40pm			
Duration	3 days 8 hours 18 minutes		Storm system that	
Start Date/Time	September 22, 2010 3:12pm	85,584	contained strong winds and high	Approved October 6, 2010
End Date/Time	September 25, 2010 11:30pm		nguning suives.	

<u>Section 57.195(b)(3)</u> A table showing the actual values of each of the reliability indices (SAIFI, CAIDI, SAIDI, and if available, MAIFI) for the EDC's service territory for each of the preceding 3 calendar years. The report shall include the data used in calculating the indices, namely the average number of customers served, the number of sustained customer minutes interruptions, the number of customers affected and the minutes of interruption. If MAIFI values are provided, the number of customer momentary interruptions shall also be reported.

Reliability Indices

For the purposes of this report, all reliability reporting is based upon the PaPUC's definitions for "momentary outages" and "major events" (outage data excluded as a result of major events).

	Historic 12-Month Rolling Reliability Indices			
	Index	2008	2009	2010
	SAIFI	1.16	0.97	1.00
	CAIDI	168	166	190
West Penn	SAIDI	195	161	191
Power	Customer Minutes	137,404,253	113,827,264	136,121,784
	Customers Interrupted	818,562	686,453	715,735
	Customers Served ²	704,518	708,940	713,122

36-Month	West Penn Power		
Rolling Year-End 2010	36-Month Standard	36-Month Actual	
SAIFI	1.16	1.04	
CAIDI	187	175	
SAIDI	217	182	

¹ MAIFI values are not available

² Represents the average number of customers served during the reporting period

<u>Section 57.195(b)(4)</u> A breakdown and analysis of outage causes during the year being reported on, including the number and percentage of service outages, the number of customers interrupted, the customer interruption minutes categorized by outage cause such as equipment failure, animal contact, tree related, and so forth. Proposed solutions to identified service problems shall be reported.

Outages by Cause

14 - 1 Mar at 13	Oütages by	Cause		
2010 12-Month Rolling		West Peni	n Power	
Causé	Customer Minutes	Number of Sustained Interruptions	Customers Affected	% Based on Number of Outages
OFF RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES	50,980,031	3,382	154,892	22.84%
OVERHEAD LINE MATERIAL	10,465,593	1,678	97,893	11.33%
UNKNOWN	6,743,951	1,581	63,009	10.68%
ANIMAL	3,154,622	1,428	39,248	9.65%
WEATHER	25,088,085	1,422	73,034	9.60%
PUBLIC/CUSTOMER	9,319,324	1,254	81,426	8.47%
OVERHEAD LINE EQUIPMENT	2,332,005	1,185	26,210	8.00%
RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES	14,543,676	981	53,817	6.63%
OVERHEAD WIRE	5,885,611	957	57,134	6.46%
UG CABLE	2,693,741	496	16,353	3.35%
SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT	3,393,848	147	37,373	0.99%
OTHER	897,256	131	9,793	0.88%
UG LINE EQUIPMENT	302,785	104	1,519	0.70%
UG LINE MATERIAL	272,232	44	1,552	0.30%
SERVICE EQUIPMENT	49,024	15	2,482	0.10%
TOTAL	136,121,784	14.805	715,735	100/00%

Proposed Solutions - West Penn Power

West Penn Power believes that the greatest improvement in company-controllable outages will result from several initiatives in place to improve distribution reliability in Pennsylvania.

Reliability Improvement Program (RIP)

West Penn Power maintains a Reliability Improvement Program to help address poorer performing distribution circuits. Many of the Ensure Reliable Service (ERS) programs, such as Annual Inspection and Maintenance (AIM), Pole Inspection, Vegetation Management, etc., are performed on a scheduled basis. RIP provides a way to address circuit reliability problems outside of these scheduled maintenance activities. A brief summary of the program is as follows:

- A report listing all circuit reliability information for the previous rolling 12-month period is created based on statistical performance. The Distribution Circuit Interruption Index (DCII), a composite index made up of SAIFI, SAIDI, CAIDI, ASAI, is used to rank all the distribution circuits.
- A detailed review of the poorest performing circuits is completed by field personnel and, if necessary, an improvement plan is developed.
- In addition to the poor performing circuits, the RIP teams will investigate any circuit which has been interrupted multiple times in the prior 12-month period. Corrective action, if necessary, is planned.
- To focus on isolated problems, the RIP teams will also investigate any sectionalizing device (line fuse or recloser) that has operated multiple times in a 12-month period. Corrective action, if necessary, is planned.

Expanded Forestry Danger Tree Program

West Penn Power's Danger Tree Program consists of removing, or significantly reducing in height, diseased or damaged trees located outside the boundary of the right-of-way that pose a threat to service reliability and/or the integrity of the line under any weather condition. Beginning in 2003, West Penn Power began targeting live, healthy trees that pose a threat to service reliability and/or the integrity of the line by uprooting, breaking or otherwise falling onto the line.

Reliability-based Vegetation Management Program

Rural distribution circuits are scheduled based on a predetermined formula which factors in time since last trimmed, tree related CMI over at least three years and the number of customers on the circuit. Rural circuits with the worst cumulative ranking should be made highest priority when scheduling. Circuits trimmed within the past three years are not eligible for schedule trimming evaluation. Urban distribution circuits are planned on a cyclical schedule based on time since last trimmed. If multiple urban circuits are scheduled for the same year, reliability stats will further prioritize for scheduling purposes.

<u>Section 57.195(b)(5)</u> A list of the major remedial efforts taken to date and planned for circuits that have been on the worst performing 5% of circuits list for a year or more.

Worst Performing Circuits - Remedial Action

West Penn Power's Remedial Actions for its 5% Worst Performing Circuits are provided in Attachment A

of this report.

<u>Section 57.195(b)(6)</u> A comparison of established transmission and distribution inspections and maintenance goals/objectives versus actual results achieved during the year being reported on. Explanations of any variances shall be included.

2010 Inspect	ion and Maintenance	Disnavi	Completed	
Goals/Object	tives a	rianneu	Completed	
	Scheduled Circuit Inspection and Maintenance Program (circuits)	57	56	
	Scheduled Circuit Maintenance Work from Employee Inspections (work requests)	76	22 ³	
J	CAIDI 2 Projects	263	291	
	Worst Performing Circuit Projects	18	164	
	Small Planning Projects	45	365	
ļ	Large Planning Projects	6	36	
Distribution	Miscellaneous Maintenance (man hours)	198,060	221,351	
	Line Recloser Replacements	149	1087	
	Underground Equipment Inspections (locations)	14,300	14,0818	
	Underground Cable Replacement (feet)	45,000	25,300 ⁹	
	Priority Pole Replacements	201	185 ¹⁰	
1	Annual Overhead Facility Inspection, Pole			
ľ	Inspection and Pole Treatment Done by	125,536	125,536 ¹¹	
	Contractors (number of poles)			
[Transmission Aerial Saw (Line Miles)	47	4712	
	Transmission Aerial Spray (Acres)	355	35513	
	Transmission Ground Spray (Acres)	1,085	<u>93114</u>	
Forestry	Transmission Tree Work (Line Miles)	114	<u>9</u> 9 ¹⁵	
roresery	Subtransmission ROW Vegetation Maintenance (Line Miles)	567	45616	
	Distribution ROW Vegetation Maintenance (Line Miles)	1,223	984 ¹⁷	
	Comprehensive Patrol (Transmission Lines)	4	4	
Transmilector	General Patrol (Transmission Lines)	121	144	
	SS Work (Preventative Maintenance only) (Man-hours)	19,865	20,165	

³ Higher priority work superseded completion of some lower priority work requests

⁴ Plan increased to 18 due to one project that was completed on 1/6/2011 and another project that is in progress to be completed in 2011

⁵ ROW issues delayed completion of these projects

⁶ Budget constraints limited completion of two projects; third project achieved 2011 replacements but total project spans over multiple years

⁷ Remaining budget used for replacement of failed switches, regulators and capacitors

⁸ Remaining will be completed in 2011

⁹ Some funding used for replacement of failed padmount equipment and some used for emergency cable replacements in other states

¹⁰ Access and safety issues limited completion in 2010 - project completed in first quarter 2011

¹¹ This includes all 2010 poles including those inspected in 2009 (40,173) for 2010 cycle

¹² Met revised goal – deferred some previously scheduled work to future growing seasons

¹³ Met revised goal - some inaccuracy involved in estimating planned work ahead of time

¹⁴ Met revised goal – deferred some previously scheduled work to future growing seasons

 $[\]frac{15}{16}$ Met revised goal – deferred some previously scheduled work to future growing seasons

¹⁶ Some work was deferred into future growing seasons to compensate for excessive storm costs incurred in 2010

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<u>Section 57.195(b)(7)</u> A comparison of budgeted versus actual transmission and distribution operation and maintenance expenses for the year being reported on in total and detailed by the EDC's own functional account code of FERC account code as available. Explanations of any variances shall be included.

Budgeted vs. Actual T&D Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

	D O&M (YTD	December 2	0 10)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance %	Notes ^a
Distribution Administrative	-1,707,307	-1,140,379	-50%	1
Distribution System	1,585,909	1,583,632	0%	
Asset Management	78,847	711,574	89%	2
Distribution Support	26,059,596	17,066,023	-53%	3
Field Operations	16,367,142	15,127,332	-8%	
Distribution Forestry	8,090,439	8,635,879	6%	
Transmission Other	635,066	18,163	-3396%	4
Substations	4,513,314	4,401,368	-3%	
Technical Services	3,026,467	3,407,731	1 <u>1%</u>	5
Transmission Forestry	2,874,840	1,911,370	-50%	6
Transmission Projects	-1,230	498,316	100%	7
Transmission Siting	906,080	781,264	-16%	8
EHV Projects	1,599	0		
Distribution Safety	022.200	560.012	46%	
Training Quality	033,200	509,012	-40 %	9
Transmission Reliability &	225 220	226 242	· · ·	
System	220,330	220,343	0%	
EMS Support	1,126,238	1,141,308	1%	
Transmission System	1,891,680	1,924,292	2%	
Transmission Operations	124,833	143,546	13%	10
Grand Tiotal	66,632,123	57/0067774		

[Variance Explanations
1	Insurance proceeds from major events
2	Higher capitalized labor split than what was planned, combined with higher credits for unauthorized attachments fees
3	Increase due to Feb 2010 major storm
4	Primarily a planned budget reduction realized by other groups
5	Planned staffing increases and related expenses delayed due to merger staffing freeze
6	Orignal budget was missing contractor supervison & contract foresters
7	Whitely SS Undermine costs billed to coal company
8	More Transmission siting work than budgeted
9	Staffing reorg moved actual costs to this cost center that were budgeted in Dist Admin cost center
10	More administration labor charged to capital EMS system replacement and new Transmission Headquarter Building construction than planned

<u>Section 57.195(b)(8)</u> A comparison of budgeted versus actual transmission and distribution operation and maintenance capital expenses for the year being reported on in total and detailed by the EDC's own functional account code or FERC account code as available. Explanations of any variances 10% or greater shall be included.

Budgeted vs. Actual T&D Capital Expenditures

T&D Capital (YTD December 2010)				
Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance %	Notes ^a
EHV Substation	4,175,408	3,594,205	-16%	1
EHV Lines	296,249	2,622,153	89%	2
Transmission Substations	1,814,222	2,757,357	34%	3
Transmission Lines	4,320,350	2,862,138	-51%	4
Distribution Substations	8,740,931	10,825,101	19%	5
Distribution Lines	52,845,764	41,563,876	-27%	6
General Plant	13,422,551	8,226,605	-63%	7
Subtransmission Lines	1,296,447	210,722	-515%	8
Grand Total	86-911-922	7/246624157		

	Variance Explanations
	EHV SS spending increased due to increased spending for disturbance monitoring
1	and overstressed breakers
	EHV Lines spend reduced due to increased Distribution Lines spend due to Feb.
2	snow storm
	Transmission SS spend reduced due to increased Distribution Lines spend due to
3	Feb. snow storm
ł	Trans. Lines spend increased due to more right-of-way clearing spent than
	originally estimated primarily for Mitchell-Shepler Hill Reconductoring; Customer
4	CIAC timing; and Whitely-Franklin line rebuild started earlier than planned
	Distribution SS spend reduced due to increased Distribution Lines spend due to
5	Feb. snow storm
6	Over due to the Feb 2010 Major Snow Storm
7	Lease Vehicle Buyout
8	New Business Specific Projects increased spend

<u>Section 57.195(b)(9)</u> Quantified transmission and distribution inspection and maintenance goals/objectives for the current calendar year detailed by system area (that is, transmission, substation and distribution).

T&D Inspection & Maintenance Programs – 2011 Goals / Objectives

T&D Inspection & Maintenance Programs - 2011			
Program/Project West Penn Power			
Forestry			
Distribution	125 Miles		
Transmission	2,800 Miles		
Transmission			
Aerial Patrols	1		
Wood Pole Groundline 167			
Substation			
General Inspections	5,050		
Transformers	390		
Breakers	271		
Relay Schemes	536		
Distribution			
Capacitors	1,331		
Poles	52,395		
Reclosers	337		
Radio-Controlled Switches	Not Applicable		

<u>Section 57.195(b)(10)</u> Budgeted transmission and distribution operation and maintenance expenses for the current year in total and detailed by the EDC's own functional account code or FERC account code as available.

2011 T&D O&M Budget

T&D O&M Budget - /	Annual 2011	
PUC Category	Total Year Budget	
Distribution Administrative	(890,209)	
Distribution System Operations	1,391,119	
Asset Management	587,144	
Distribution Support	8,033,641	
Field Operations	17,744,239	
Distribution Forestry	13,691,518	
Transmission Other	534,731	
Substations	3,836,786	
Technical Services - Delivery	2,421,154	
Transmission Forestry	2,318,254	
Transmission Projects	368,561	
Transmission Siting	763,312	
Distribution Safety Training	646,913	
Quality Assurance		
Transmission Reliability &	400 544	
System Support	130,514	
EMS Support	725,576	
Transmission System Operations	1,212,273	
Transmission Operations Admin	91,925	
Transmission Engineering &	407.060	
Operations Admin	427,209	
Transmission Planning &	351 672	
Compliance		
Transmission Engineering	3,097,768	
Grand Total	57,490,160	

NOTE: Budgets subject to change

<u>Section 57.195(b)(11)</u> Budgeted transmission and distribution capital expenses for the current year in total and detailed by the EDC's own functional account code or FERC account code as available.

2011 T&D Capital Budget

T&D Capital - Annual 2011		
Category	Total Year Budget	
EHV Substation	3,859,969	
EHV Lines	3,804,002	
Transmission Substations	7,437,622	
Transmission Lines	21,390,630	
Distribution Substations	11,988,728	
Distribution Lines	44,566,738	
General Plant	7,087,482	
Subtransmission Lines	1,197,351	
Total	101,332,522	

NOTE: Budgets subject to change

<u>Section 57.195(b)(12)</u> Significant changes, if any, to the transmission and distribution maintenance programs previously submitted to the Commission.

Changes to T&D Maintenance Programs

West Penn Power continues to review the inspection and maintenance practices to confirm that they are consistent with industry standards and that they support the achievement of the applicable Commission reliability benchmarks and standards. The 2010 revisions to the inspection and maintenance practices are as follows:

	Sum	nmary of Revisions 2010			
Transmission and Distribution Program Changes					
Section #	Equipment	Summary of Change			
04-04	Overhead Lines - Distribution Capacitors	 Changed recommended timing of inspections and follow-up work to before summer load 			
04-08	Overhead Lines - Standing Wood Poles	 Redefined 'danger' poles and 'priority' poles 			

ATTACHMENT A

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Worst Performing Circuits – Remedial Action

West Pen	n Power		
Substation	Circuit	Remedial Action Planned or Taken	Status of Remedial Work
Vanceville		Cycle tree trimming	To be completed in 2012
	Vanceville	Outage maps were created to identify outage and sectionalizing locations	Complete
		Utilized outage data to identify outage causes and sources of lockouts	Complete
Rutan Windridge		Cycle tree trimming	To be completed in 2013
		Transfer a portion of the circuit to an adjacent substation to reduce exposure.	Complete
Fowler	Bald Eagle	Outage maps were created to identify outage and sectionalizing locations	Complete
		Utilized outage data to identify outage causes and sources of lockouts	Complete
		Cycle tree trimming	To be completed in 2012
Waterville Waterv	Waterville	Added isolating points and fault indicators as part of CAIDI improvement program	Complete
		Cycle tree trimming performed in 2009-2010	Complete
East Millsboro	East Millsboro	Install automatic air switches on the subtransmission feeding the substation	Complete
		Outage maps were created to identify outage and sectionalizing locations	Complete
		Utilized outage data to identify outage causes and sources of lockouts	Complete

