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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
400 NORTH STREET, HARRISBURG, PA. 17120

Chris Paluti

v.

West Penn Power Company

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Date: Dec 10, 2019

Response to Initial Decision of Office of Administration Law Judge, Dated November 21, 2019

"EXCEPTIONS OF CHRIS PALUTI"

This initial ruling states that Mr. Paluti did not meet the burden of proving West Penn Power violated PUC code, regulation or order.

My complaint was based on the issue of Reliability, Safety and Quality problems with my electric utility service.

First off, twenty (20) days to respond to this decision is too short, especially during the holidays. I lost three days in its delivery.

1. WPP admitted that some outages occurred due to off-corridor trees as noted on page 2. While WPP never proved that the issues were from off-corridor trees and not on-corridor trees, that fact is that with the known issue of dead Ash trees, WPP should have been more proactive and cognitive that this was going to create a problem. WPP was negligent in this matter. WPP did not remedy this problem, until after I complained to the PUC.
2. WPP also contended that the "power flickers" were a result of normal reclosure events. Normal operations should not occur at the frequencies they were occurring and during calm, sunny weather.
3. Page 6 States there is 109 circuit miles in the South Waynesburg Circuit, and two sets of line reclosures. I had requested circuit drawings from WPP to have the circuit design reviewed, but was denied by WPP. I also requested detailed maintenance records, and was again denied by them. From this given vague information this is a lengthy single ended circuit with little or no circuit redundancy designed into it.

4. Page 4, Item 6 mentions damaged equipment during an outage. This damage occurred from lightning striking a pole on my property. This is the second time lightning struck this pole in five years. I asked WWP engineer Mr. Capitoni to install lightning protection on the pole. He responded they do not do that.
5. Page 12, states that Mr. Paluti did not meet the burden of proof. It also states that the amount of interruptions, "does create a cause for concern". Since August of 2019, only three (3) known issues with my power have occurred. This is a marked improvement from the past two years.

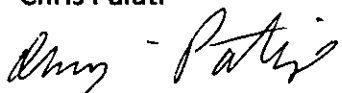
Either this is a stroke of coincidence, or WWP has corrected other unidentified problems with the circuit. Almost four months have past since the last hearing.

The paragraph on page 12 implies that Mr. Paluti does not provide sufficient evidence, conversely, it mentions the amount of interruptions, and it being a concern and WPP is encouraged to work with Mr. Paluti going forward. I believe WPP has been given time to work on the issues. This is somewhat a convoluted paragraph.

In closing I believe I was correct in my assessment and burden of proof. It appears the PUC has given WPP time to resolve this matter. I also think the PUC helped me with this problem.

I request that the PUC not close this matter and continue to monitor the situation for an additional period of time.

Chris Paluti

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