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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

> Re: Joint Petition for Consolidation of Proceedings and Approval of the Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company Docket Nos. M-2020-3020820 M-2020-3020821 M-2020-3020822 M-2020-3020823

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the above-referenced proceedings.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re:	Joint Petition for Consolidation of Proceedings	:	Docket Nos. M-2020-3020820
	and Approval of the Phase IV Energy Efficiency	:	M-2020-3020821
	and Conservation Plan of Metropolitan Edison	:	M-2020-3020822
	Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company,	:	M-2020-3020823
	Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn	:	
	Power Company	:	

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 21st day of December 2020.

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Petition for Consolidation of Proceedings and	:		
Approval of Energy Efficiency and	:		
Conservation Plans Phase III		Docket No.	M-2020-3020822
Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania			
Electric Company, Pennsylvania			
Power Company and West Penn Power Company			

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code 5.71-5.74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives its Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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DATE: December 21, 2020

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to intervene and participate in the Joint Petition for Consolidation of Proceedings and Approval of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans (EE&C Plan) Phase IV of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company (Joint Petition).

On November 30, 2020, Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power or Company) filed the Joint Petition, pursuant to Section 2806.1 of the Public Utility Code and pursuant to the Implementation Order entered by the Commission at Docket No. M-2020-3015228 on June 18, 2020. The five-year cost of the Company's EE&C Phase IV Plan is projected to be \$33,298,945. Penn Power EE&C Plan at 21. The Company plans to reduce annual energy consumption by 128, 909 MWh and reduce demand by 20 MW by May 31, 2026. Penn Power EE&C Plan at 21. With respect to residential customers, Penn Power has proposed the following three residential customer energy efficiency programs: (1) Energy Efficient Products Program; (2) Energy Efficient Homes Program; and (3) the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program. Penn Power EE&C Plan at 35-36.

The Acting Consumer Advocate determined to intervene in this proceeding to protect the interests of Penn Power' customers; to ensure that the proposed Plan and programs are in accordance with Act 129 and all other applicable statutes, regulations, and Commission Orders; and to ensure that any increase in rates resulting from the adoption of the proposed programs and any related expenses are just and reasonable.