Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement

v.

Energy Transfer Company d/b/a ETC
Northeast Pipeline LLC

STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID W. SWEET

The matter before the Commission is a proposed settlement between the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and Energy Transfer Company, regarding a pipeline failure and ensuing explosion that destroyed a house and six high voltage transmission towers and an electric power line in Beaver County on September 18, 2018. Because this settlement was reached without a formal proceeding having been filed, the case does not appear with a Commission docket number until the settlement was reached and filed.

The action the Commission takes today is to put the settlement out for comment but the only entities served are the parties themselves and the public advocates. In the interest of transparency, I believe that this matter should be advertised more widely in order to allow comments from all interested entities, and I would publish the Commission’s order in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and direct Energy Transfer Company to post it on its website.

July 15, 2021
DATE

DAVID W. SWEET
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