

March 22, 2022
Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Esquire
Secretary, PA Public Utility Commission
P.O Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: Docket No. C-2021-3028464
Tracy and Jill Troutman v. Metropolitan Edison Company et al.
Response to Answer and New Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company et al
to the Amended Complaint**

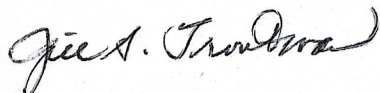
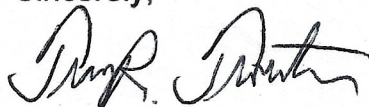
Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing is our Response to the "Answer and New Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company et al. to the Amended Complaint" submitted by Margaret A. Morris, Esquire, dated March 3, 2022.

A copy of this Response has been provided to Attorney Morris.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Tracy and Jill Troutman

Cc: The Hon. Mark A. Hoyer, PA Public Utilities Commission
The Hon. John Coogan, PA Public Utilities Commission
Tori Giesler, Esquire, FirstEnergy Service Company
Margaret Morris, Esquire, Representing Metropolitan Edison

1. No response
2. Agree that responding utility's name is Metropolitan Edison Company. However, our amended complaint also included, MAIT, FirstEnergy and FirstEnergy Transmission. We were originally notified of the transmission line project to be done by First Energy on their letterhead dated September 1, 2021 Signed by Jennifer Rivera "First Energy Service Company on behalf of Metropolitan Edison Company" (See attached). While MAIT may be the owner of the transmission lines, this letter indicates to us that First Energy as well as Met-Ed are responsible for the decisions regarding the Transmission lines about to be replaced.
3. Agree
4. Admit that MAIT is to replace the above ground wires and Met Ed owns the land by way of easement and is responsible for the vegetation and care of the easement property. Agree that the lines do not cross our property however, as stated in previous documents to the court, the above ground wires do cross public areas that we do cross under daily.
5. We believe that Met Ed does have responsibility in this decision making process as they own the easement where the above ground wires and proposed "like poles" are to be placed. We are requesting that the wires be placed underground and since Met Ed owns the ground by way of easement, they would be directly involved in this decision-making process.

This is a reasonable request as it is currently code in Derry Township to place wires underground. Please refer to Derry Township Code eCode 360 which currently indicates that all utility and communications lines which are newly installed must be installed underground. All of the utilities and communications lines that serve our neighborhood are underground...with the exception of the transmission lines in question which do not even serve us. Our neighborhood is assuming all of the risk and none of the reward/benefits from these overhead wires. The fact that there is a Township underground code shows that they feel it is better for the community from a safety, and environmental perspective. See Derry Township Design and Construction Standards #185-38 Section B that states "All electric, telephone, television and other communication service lines which are newly installed to serve a development activity regulated by this chapter shall be installed underground".

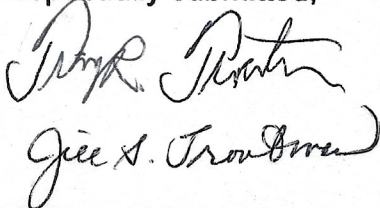
There is already precedent set in Hershey with removing overhead wires/poles and placing new lines underground (e.g. Forrest Avenue project). In that case, PPL listened to the requests of the citizens because it was the right thing to do.

6. No response required.
7. a) No response required.
b) No response required.
c) No response required.
8. No response required.
9. No response required.
10. No response required.

NEW MATTER

11. We agree that the transmission lines are not owned by Met Ed. However, the letter addressed to us, dated September 1st, 2021, from First Energy Service Company, on behalf of Metropolitan Edison Service Company" stated that they are rebuilding the transmission line. This indicates Met Ed has an important role in this project.
12. Agree that the lines do not cross our property and agree that there is not an easement owned by Met Ed on our property.
13. It is our belief, as stated above, that Met Ed is part of the decision making process for replacing the transmission lines in our neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy and Jill Troutman

Cc: The Hon. Mark A. Hoyer, PA Public Utilities Commission
The Hon. John Coogan, PA Public Utilities Commission
Tori Giesler, Esquire, FirstEnergy Service Company
Margaret Morris, Esquire, Representing MAIT

September 1, 2021

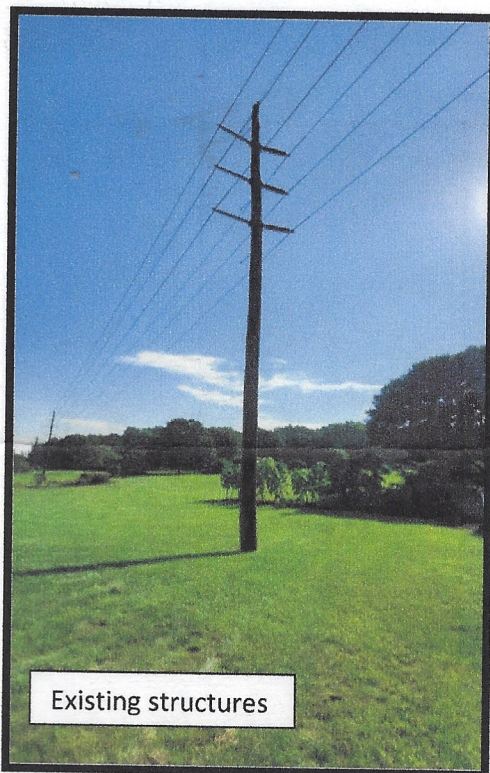
TROUTMAN TRACEY R.
160 HAWTHORNE DR.
HERSHEY, PA 17033

Campbelltown – Middletown – North Hershey 69-kV Transmission Line Rebuild

Dear TROUTMAN TRACEY R.:

As part of FirstEnergy's ongoing commitment to enhancing electric service, FirstEnergy is rebuilding an existing 69-kilovolt transmission line to strengthen the electric system in Derry Township and surrounding areas.

You are receiving this letter in response to inquiries regarding the project in the Meadows housing development. The project between Sand Hill Road and Nye Road will replace existing wood poles averaging about 53 feet tall with new wood poles that average about 59 feet tall. In addition, the seven existing wires will be replaced with four wires.



The new transmission poles are similar in height to the prior poles and reduce the number of wires from 7 to 4.

FirstEnergy continues to work with individual landowners who have requested changes to the project design, and engineers are making revisions at those locations where possible.

While FirstEnergy received requests from some residents to place this transmission line underground through the Meadows development, the company constructs transmission lines underground only when there are no viable above-ground options. The open trenching necessary to bury transmission lines causes greater environmental impacts, as does the need to create significant access roads to accommodate heavy equipment. It is also more difficult to restore power during outages on underground lines because it takes longer to identify and repair damaged cable.

In addition, it is significantly more expensive to run transmission lines underground. The costs of transmission lines in Pennsylvania are spread across the rate base of all FirstEnergy customers in the state, much like the public highway system. It is not reasonable to place the additional financial burden on our other customers for local aesthetic concerns over the visibility of an overhead transmission line.

Several landowners mentioned concerns with electric and magnetic fields (EMF). FirstEnergy is committed to keeping the public safe. This applies to all aspects of our operations, including the design and routing of our transmission lines. Our facilities are built and operated with strict adherence to the requirements of all applicable state and federal statutes related to safety, including requirements specified in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Mandatory Reliability Standards and the National Electric Safety Code (NESC), as well as those adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Pennsylvania (PAPUC) and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA).

Electric and magnetic fields surround anything that transmits or uses electricity, including household appliances, cellular devices and power lines. There are no federal exposure limits in the United States, and no state agency has adopted exposure limits based on a finding that EMF causes adverse health effects. Some scientific organizations have recommended exposure guidelines for settings with very high EMF levels, which are far greater than any EMF levels found in our environment, including those near transmission lines.

Additional information about electric and magnetic fields and health can be found on the FirstEnergy website at the following link: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/help/safety/using-electricity/emf.html>

FirstEnergy is committed to addressing questions and to providing support during construction of the project. If you have additional questions, please call our project hotline at 1-888-311-4737.

Sincerely,



Jenn Rivera

Regional External Affairs Consultant

FirstEnergy Service Company on behalf of Metropolitan Edison Company