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October 20, 2022

Larry E. Cole

74 E. Laurel Street

Monroeton, PA 18832

Re: Pa. Public Utility Commission v. Valley Energy, Inc.

Docket Numbers R-2022-3032300; C-2022-3032688

Dear Mr. Cole:

We are writing to inform you of a proposed settlement in the above-captioned matter. On October 5, 2022, Valley Energy, Inc. (Valley Energy), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) (collectively, the Petitioners) filed a Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement Petition). A copy of that Settlement Petition is enclosed with this letter.

After we have reviewed the proposed settlement, we will prepare a written recommended decision, which you will receive, recommending that the Commission adopt or reject the Settlement Petition. The Commission will make a final decision on whether or not the proposed settlement should be approved.

As a complainant, you have an opportunity to submit comments or objections to us after you review the Settlement Petition. If you wish to comment or object, you must send your written comments or objections to us, within ten days of the date of this letter (i.e., not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 30, 2022), at the following electronic address: [**evero@pa.gov**](mailto:evero@pa.gov)

A copy of your written comments or objection must be sent electronically to the other parties in this case. Their respective email addresses are listed in the Service List attached to this letter.

The opportunity to submit written comments on, or objections to, the Settlement Petition is a means of expressing your opinions regarding the proposed settlement before our recommended decision is issued. Your right to file exceptions and/or reply to exceptions to the recommended decision is not affected by this settlement unless you decide to join in the Settlement Petition, as explained below. **Objections to the settlement must include facts, affidavits, argument and relevant legal analysis as substantiation. Continued litigation of a complaint will be considered only if specifically requested and supported by appropriate information and legal argument concerning the implications of denial of a continued opportunity to litigate the matter in lieu of settlement.**

If, after you review the Settlement Petition, you wish to join in, you may do so by completing and returning to us a copy of the Signature Page enclosed with this letter. Please understand that by signing and returning the Signature Page you will be signifying that, as a signatory party, you do not wish to further prosecute your Complaint unless the Commission rejects or modifies the Settlement Petition.

If you do not wish to comment on, object to or join in the settlement, you do not need to do anything.

Please carefully review the Settlement Petition. If you have any questions, Valley Energy or any of the other parties to the Settlement will be glad to speak with you. Valley Energy’s representative in this matter, Adeolu A Bakare, Esq., can be contacted at (717) 237-5290. Aron J. Beatty, Esq., or Harrison W. Breitman, Esq., from the Office of Consumer Advocate, can be contacted toll-free at (800) 684-6560. Scott B. Granger, Esq., from the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, can be contacted at (717) 425-7593.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Date: October 20, 2022 Eranda Vero

Administrative Law Judge

/s/

Charece Z. Collins

Administrative Law Judge

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**R-2022-3032369 - PA PUC v. CITIZENS ELECTRIC COMPANY OF LEWISBURG PA**

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**Attachment**

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

Please sign below if you would like to join in the Joint Petition For Settlement signed by Valley Energy, Inc., the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

I have read the Joint Petition For Settlement at R-2022-3032300 and wish to join in it. I am willing to withdraw my Complaint at Docket No. C-2022-3032688 in this case if the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approves the Joint Petition For Settlement without modification.

Signature Date

## Please print your name and address here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the Docket Number of

your Complaint here: