

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held November 10, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman
Stephen M. DeFrank, Vice Chairman
Ralph V. Yanora
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

C-2022-3031862

v.

West Penn Utilities

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is the Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) filed by West Penn Utilities on October 31, 2022, seeking reconsideration of the Opinion and Order entered on October 27, 2022, relative to the above-captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, Pa. R.A.P. 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed.¹ The thirty-day period within which the Commission must act upon the Petition in order to preserve jurisdiction ends on November 28, 2022.²

Granting reconsideration pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition to preserve Commission jurisdiction and toll the thirty-day time period for filing a petition for appellate review does not automatically stay the Commission's underlying Opinion and Order.³ Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.572, petitions seeking a stay or supersedeas must be filed with the Commission within fifteen (15) days after the underlying Opinion and Order becomes final.⁴

Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petitions; **THEREFORE,**

¹ Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that a party may file an Answer to the Petition within ten (10) days of service. 52 Pa. Code § 5.571(c). As of the date of this Order no Answers have been received.

² The thirty-day period ends on November 26, 2022, which is a Saturday. Therefore, the next business day, November 28, 2022, is the deadline for the Commission to act on the Petition.

³ 52 Pa. Code § 5.572; Pa. R.A.P. 1701.

⁴ *See also* Pa. R.A.P. 1781.

IT IS ORDERED: That the Petition for Reconsideration filed by West Penn Utilities October 31, 2022, is hereby granted, pending further review of, and consideration on, the merits.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: November 10, 2022

ORDER ENTERED: November 10, 2022