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May 1, 2023

**VIA Electronic Filing**

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

**Re: Application of West Penn Power Company for Approval of the Alteration of Electric Facilities at a Highway and Railroad Crossing of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad located in the Borough of Johnsonburg, Elk County, Pennsylvania; Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Application of West Penn Power Company for the approval of an extension of one overhead communication fiber optic cable crossing of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad in the Borough of Johnsonburg, Elk County. Copies of the Application have been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,



Daniel A. Garcia

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Enclosure  
cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Application of West Penn Power Company** :  
**for Approval of the Alteration of** :  
**Electric Facilities at a Highway and Railroad** : **Docket No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Crossing of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad** :  
**located in the Borough of Johnsonburg,** :  
**Elk County, Pennsylvania** :

To the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

West Penn Power Company (“West Penn Power” or “Applicant”) requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approve West Penn Power’s Application for a rail crossing pursuant to Section 2702(a) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 2702(a). In support thereof, West Penn Power submits as follows:

1. The name and address of Applicant:

West Penn Power Company  
800 Cabin Hill Dr.  
Greensburg, PA 15601

2. The name and address of Applicant’s attorney:

Daniel A. Garcia  
FirstEnergy Service Company  
800 Cabin Hill Road  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601  
PA Attorney ID: 311503

3. West Penn Power is certified as a public utility in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

West Penn Power provides electric distribution service to approximately 729,000 customers in all or parts of 17 counties in Pennsylvania, including Elk County, subject to regulation by the Commission. As a public utility in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, West Penn Power has the right to extend and alter its facilities at railroad crossings to provide reliable electric service.

4. West Penn Power intends to extend its communication fiber optic cable at an at-grade rail crossing located on Grant Street, Johnsonburg, Elk County, at the road's crossing of the railroad facilities of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad located between West Penn Power Pole No. 80403 and Pole No. J39402. West Penn Power proposes to install a new all-dielectric self-supporting ("ADSS") fiber optic cable crossing the property of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad as shown on Exhibit I, attached hereto. Railroad facilities will not be disturbed during construction or operation of West Penn Power's fiber optic cable. Construction of this facility is anticipated to begin August 1, 2023. Construction will take approximately 3 months to complete.

5. The parties that may be affected by the proposed crossing are as follows: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, PennDOT District 2, Johnsonburg Municipal Authority, Johnsonburg Borough, Jones Township Municipal Authority, West Penn Power Company, National Fuel Gas, Pin Oak Energy Partners LLC, Zito Media LP and Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad. The Applicants have served a copy of this Application upon the parties referenced, as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

6. The cost of construction of West Penn Power's fiber cable installation project at this crossing is estimated to be \$5,000.00. West Penn Power will bear the cost of the fiber installation project. West Penn Power will be responsible for installing, maintaining, and inspecting the fiber installation project at the location of the railroad crossing.

7. The improvements to West Penn Power's facilities will be used to support high-speed communications for substation relay and supervisory control and data acquisition protection devices located in West Penn Power's Paper City and Willamette substations.

WHEREFORE, West Penn Power Company requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approve the rail crossing described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 1, 2023,

By: 

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**VERIFICATION**

I, Greg Kalbrunner, Fiber Networks Specialist for FirstEnergy Services Company, hereby states that the facts set forth in the Application of West Penn Power Company are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief) and that he expects to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. The statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 19 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 05/01/23

Greg Kalbrunner  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the entities listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54 (relating to service):

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