

May 25, 2023

#### **E-FILED**

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

Re: Joint Application Of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated, MidAtlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, And Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company For All Of The Necessary Authority, Approvals, And Certificates Of Public Convenience Required To Lawfully Effectuate (1) The Purchase And Sale Agreement Of An Incremental Thirty Percent Equity Interest In FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC By North American Transmission Company II L.P.; (2) The Transfer Of Class B Membership Interests In Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC Held By FirstEnergy Corp. To FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC; (3) Where Necessary, Associated Affiliated Interest Agreements; And (4) Any Other Approvals Necessary To Complete The Contemplated Transaction / Docket Nos: A-2023-3040481; A-2023-3040482; A-2023-3040483; G-2023-3040484; G-2023-3040485; G-2023-3040486

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), in the above-captioned proceedings.

Copies will be served on all known parties in these proceedings, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon E. Webb

Sharon E. Webb Assistant Small Business Advocate Attorney ID No. 73995

**Enclosures** 

cc: Kevin Higgins Parties of Record

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**Joint Application Of American Transmission** : Docket Nos. A-2023-3040481 Systems, Incorporated, MidAtlantic Interstate A-2023-3040482 Transmission, LLC, And Trans-Allegheny A-2023-3040483 **Interstate Line Company For All Of The** G-2023-3040484 Necessary Authority, Approvals, And G-2023-3040485 **Certificates Of Public Convenience Required** G-2023-3040486 To Lawfully Effectuate (1) The Purchase And Sale Agreement Of An Incremental Thirty Percent Equity Interest In FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC By North American Transmission Company II L.P.; (2) The **Transfer Of Class B Membership Interests** In Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC Held By FirstEnergy Corp. To FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC; (3) Where Necessary, **Associated Affiliated Interest Agreements;** And (4) Any Other Approvals Necessary To Complete The Contemplated Transaction

# NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

The Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the Joint Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ASTI"), Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT") and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company ("TrAILCo") (hereinafter, collectively, the "Joint Applicants") requesting all necessary authority, approvals and certificates of public convenience to effectuate the following: (1) Purchase and Sale Agreement of an incremental thirty percent equity interest in FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC ("FET") by North American Transmission Company II L.P. ("NATCo II"); (2) the transfer of Class B Membership Interests in MAIT held by FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy") to FET; and (3) where necessary, associated affiliated interest agreements that was filed with the Pennsylvania

Public Utility Commission ("Commission") on May 5, 2023. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

- 1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.
- 2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Transmission, LLC; (3) Where Necessary, **Associated Affiliated Interest Agreements;** And (4) Any Other Approvals Necessary

To Complete The Contemplated Transaction

### PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 ("Act"). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement setting forth concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the Small Business Advocate's intervention in the above-captioned Commission proceedings.

On May 5, 2023 American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ASTI"), Mid-

Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT") and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line

Company ("TrAILCo") (hereinafter, collectively, the "Joint Applicants") filed an

application requesting all necessary authority, approvals and certificates of public

convenience to effectuate the following: (1) Purchase and Sale Agreement of an

incremental thirty percent equity interest in FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC ("FET") by

North American Transmission Company II L.P. ("NATCo II"); (2) the transfer of Class B

Membership Interests in MAIT held by FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy") to FET; and

(3) where necessary, associated affiliated interest agreements.

The Small Business Advocate is intervening in the above-captioned proceeding in

order to protect the interests of the Company's small business customers. A thorough

inquiry by the Commission into all of the elements of the filing necessary to ensure that

the Company's proposal is in accord with the Public Utility Code and with the

Commission's regulations and policies.

The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny or modify any

aspect of the Company's proposal that is not proven by PGW to be in accord with the

Public Utility Code and with the Commission's regulations and policies.

Dated: May 25, 2023

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### **VERIFICATION**

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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Joint Application Of American Transmission
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Interstate Line Company For All Of The
Necessary Authority, Approvals, And
Certificates Of Public Convenience Required

Docket Nos. A-2023-3040481

A-2023-3040482

G-2023-3040484

G-2023-3040485

To Lawfully Effectuate (1) The Purchase :

And Sale Agreement Of An Incremental
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless other noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

The Honorable Charles E. Rainey Jr. Chief Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Commonwealth Keystone Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 <a href="mailto:crainey@pa.gov">crainey@pa.gov</a>

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