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**Re: Docket No. C-2021-3028302  
Pingqi Dai v. Metropolitan Edison Company  
EXCEPTIONS of Complainant Pingqi Dai to the INITIAL DECISION**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing is the Exception of Complainant, Pingqi Dai in the above referenced proceeding as well as the Certificate of Service.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pingqi Dai', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Pingqi Dai**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served upon the following person(s), in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements.

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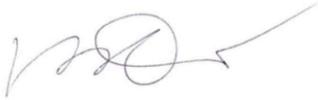
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If there are any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,



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List of pertinent proceedings that have been consolidated noted below:

C-2021-3028186- DEBORA CONNELL v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028464-TRACY AND JILL TROUTMAN V. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028278-REBECCA WALIZER V. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028416- NEAL WALMER v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028211 - MICHAEL AND MARGARET MARINO v. METROPOLITAN EDISON & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028346- STANLEY & EILEEN KRASINSKI v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028286-MICHAEL FLORIO v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028283-SAMANTHA BRYANT v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028314-MICHAEL KRAMER v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028414-ANDREW S. FREIBERG v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028418-KAREN AND MICHAEL FEDASH v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID- ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3030530-GREGORY BAIR v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY & MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC

C-2021-3028302-PINGQI DAI v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

C-2021-3028348-COREY & BETTY RIGBERG v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

C-2021-3028627-PATRICIALANE V. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pingqi Dai	:	
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Complainant	:	
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v.	:	C-2021-3028302
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Metropolitan Edison Company		
Respondent		

EXCEPTIONS of Complainant Pingqi Dai to the INITIAL DECISION  
of the Office of Administrative Law Judge issued on June 20, 2023

Dated: July 10, 2023

## I. EXCEPTIONS

After carefully reading the Initial Decision and the First Interim Order posted for our Consolidated Case regarding our Formal Complaints against Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed) and Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (MAIT), I found the following contradictory points. Here are my Exceptions to the Initial Decision.

### 1. The pole site location

The new wooden pole location on my property told by Met-Ed is different from what it stated in the First Interim Order (Denying Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, posted on 4/22/2022). In the First Interim Order, it stated “the replacement pole on Complainant’s property has been moved to its original location” (page 1). But the wood marker placed by Met-Ed in my backyard (refer to Complainants Direct Testimony (DT) lines 716-717, depicted in red) is approximately 10 feet away from the original pole site. It is not away from my house. It is actually approximately 10 feet closer to my house. The claim made by the power companies (Met-Ed and MAIT) in the Initial Decision stating “no allegation or evidence that the existing Transmission Line is negatively impacting (1) ... (4) is negatively impacting property values” (Page 17 of the Initial Decision) is NOT TRUE! The pentachlorophenol (PCP) coated wooden poles are taller and closer to my home and these dangers will absolutely create a negative effect on my well-being. The newly proposed site planned for these poles and lines will most definitely create a dreadful appeal and no doubt will reduce my property value. The proposed distance of the electric pole to my home is only 45 feet. This is the shortest distance of a powerline pole to a residential home in the entire neighborhood (Refer to Complainants DT lines 372). Met-Ed used deceptive communication to start the project of the replacement of the transmission lines. They informed only some of the neighbors affected by the proposed replacement line and only mentioned the placement and not fact that these poles can affect the health and safety of our neighbors. They did not mention the fact that the poles and lines would be closer to some of the homes and that they are coated with a chemical that has been determined to be unsafe for human touch and ingestion. They did not mention that this chemical can get into our wells or that it is being phased out by the EPA. They value containing their cost and ignore the health and safety risks these poles and lines produce. Let us not forget these changes can also negatively affect the property value of people who live under the powerlines. At the onset, I complained. FirstEnergy/Met Ed did not satisfactorily address my complaints or requests. These requests came from me, a woman, a minority woman, and a single mother of two children. It was my initial complaint that started the case.

### 2. Using the PCP treated wooden poles

The power company knows that the EPA has already mandated a phase-out the use of PCP on poles, but they continue to use it because it is not against the law. This is absurd. If it is harmful to human life, it should NOT be allowed to be used, especially

in such close proximity to all of the wells within our neighborhood. We have NO township water. This water is what we drink. All our local 83 residents are solely dependent on well water as our only source of potable drinking water. It is what our children drink. These poles are what our children will be playing around. We cannot keep our eyes on them in our own backyard 24 hours a day. If the power company insists on putting the PCP treated wooden pole into our ground, I will have my well water tested before and after and keep monitoring it with time. Our consolidated group is preparing a letter to go out to our neighborhood with the information regarding the use of PCP on these poles. The letter will mention that they, too, can check their well water both before and after any replacement of overhead poles that are coated with this dangerous chemical. Human life should be more important in the eyes of the law and the law should act to protect lives rather than help large companies save money. Any indication of PCP in the well water noted after the installation (and not noted before installation) will be addressed.

### 3. The Environmental Impact

Regardless the 204 pages of our Direct Testimony (DT) with all the facts, accidents caused by the overhead power lines, the regulations/information cited with PCP use, the power company asserts our complainants, “only provide personal opinions, unsubstantiated concerns, speculation, and perceptions regarding the proposed Transmission Line replacement project” (Page 16 of the Initial Decision). But the power company can state “open trenching necessary to bury a transmission line causes greater environmental impacts” (page18 of the Initial Decision). Has FirstEnergy/Met Ed done the environmental impact analysis? What are the environmental impacts? Our backyards are just an open field with soil. Has the power company compared the cost of overhead electric powerlines vs the underground powerlines? What are the numbers? (They never intended to do an alternative approach and had no numbers to offer.) Furthermore, what is their cost for overhead compared to the cost of a human life or the cost to one human affected from the toxic chemical, PCP?

### 4. The derivation of The Initial Decision

On Page 4 of the Initial Decision, it said “As detailed in the hearing transcript and January 18, 2023 briefing order, various lines of testimony and exhibits for the Complainants were excluded from the record on hearsay and other grounds”. Yes, it makes me feel very sad that our 204 page long direct testimony is not enough to stop the power company from putting PCP into our soil, nor to let them follow the industrial trends to give us a reasonable solution. I do understand that PUC plays by the rules written out by the state legislature to the Public Utility. But the approach is not from the preventive way, instead, it seems that you have to wait for more lives to

be lost or more lives to suffer health consequences due to these safety concerns of overhead poles/lines and more taxpayer's money has to be wasted in lawsuits, etc., before changes may be made and humans become more important than the bottom line of a company. The laws/regulations were established by the people. These laws need changed to be considerate of people. I, an immigrant from China, truly appreciates and enjoys living in the land of opportunity and the land of promise. I truly appreciate being accepted by my neighborhood and will continue to fight for an ordinary citizen's right for a reasonable solution for this powerline replacement project.

## II. CONCLUSION

1. For the reasons set forth above, Complainant Pingqi Dai respectfully requests that the Commission can still grant our quest to replace the electric power lines underground, not in favor of the big corporations, but in favor of the ordinary lawful citizens.
2. The bottom line is to order the power company to replace the electric pole right exactly at the site of the old one, as they told you in the First Interim Order. Not moving towards my house at all. I also do not want PCP treated electric wooden poles.

Respectfully submitted,  
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