PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Public Meeting held October 19, 2023

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair Ralph V. Yanora Kathryn L. Zerfuss John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pole Attachment Working Group

M-2020-3019408 L-2018-3002672

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 77.7, the Commission has established a Pole Attachment Working Group (Working Group) to ensure 1) that the Commission remains apprised of industry and public concerns, 2) that changes to the federal pole attachments rules are properly vetted before they come into effect in Pennsylvania, and 3) to provide feedback to the Commission on the functioning of its regulations and dispute resolution processes as they relate to pole attachments.

Following the entry of our last supplemental membership order on February 24, 2022, an additional party, the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA), has requested membership in the Working Group. PREA represents 13 distribution electric cooperatives throughout the Commonwealth, which own and maintain a significant number of poles that are not within the Commission's jurisdiction. However, these cooperatives also pursue broadband deployment and attach to poles owned by public utilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission, among other tasks. Thus, PREA has significant interest in the pole attachment processes employed by the Commission.

The Commission determines that the inclusion of PREA in the Working Group would improve the representation of electric cooperatives who provide electricity to more than 230,000 rural households, businesses and industries, constituting an essential component of rural business and industry in the Commonwealth. Adding this party will therefore supplement the existing expertise and representative experience of the Working Group. The current membership of the Working Group is listed in Appendix A.

Accordingly, the Commission finds it appropriate to appoint the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association to the Pole Attachment Working Group; **THEREFORE**,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the appointment to the Pole Attachment Working Group of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association is approved.

2. The contact person for the Pole Attachment Working Group is Colin W. Scott, Assistant Counsel, (717) 783-5949.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Appendix A

Pole Attachment Working Group Appointees

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UGI Corporation

Salsgiver Telecom Inc.

Orbital Engineering, Inc.

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