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**Re: Application of West Penn Power Company, Under Sections 507, 1102(a)(1), and 1102(a)(3) of the Public Utility Code, for All of the Necessary Authority, Approvals and Certificates of Public Convenience for: (1) the Acquisition of Certain Electric Distribution Facilities from the Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority; (2) West Penn Power Company's Right to Initiate and Provide Electric Distribution Service in the Portions of Letterkenny, Greene, and Hamilton Townships, Franklin County, Pennsylvania Currently Served by the Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority; and (3) Any Other Approvals Necessary to Complete the Contemplated Transaction**  
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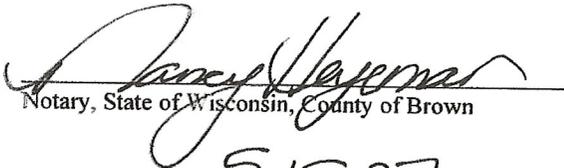
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# GOP

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Trump's massive poll lead in early contest states.

Their common goal: Get in the game with Trump.

Voters said the challengers have no choice but to go straight at Trump, even at the risk of alienating many Trump supporters. Yet they are also skeptical about whether his rivals can succeed, even with Trump's many legal problems and abrasive campaign style.

"I don't know if there is anything they can do, which is extremely sad," said Tom Harvell, 52, of Exeter, a self-described independent voter who says he is middle-of-the-road.

Harvell, who saw Haley, the former South Carolina governor and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, at a USA TODAY Network town hall in Exeter, said "so many people are entranced with (Trump). ... For the love of God, I can't figure out why."

In addition to DeSantis, the governor of Florida, and Haley, the Republican candidates trying to figure it out include former Vice President Mike Pence, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, businessman Vivek Ramaswamy, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum and former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson.

## DeSantis hits mainstream media

DeSantis, who had focused more on conservative media, is now appearing on more mainstream outlets – and seeking a comeback.

Once holding a fairly strong second place in many polls, DeSantis has slid back to the rest of the pack amid a steady barrage of attacks from the former president and his allies.

In his new campaign phase, DeSantis is amplifying his record in Florida and policy differences with Trump that include border security and federal spending. He's also spending more time on Trump's indictments and other legal problems.

"A referendum on Joe Biden means we win if I'm the candidate," DeSantis said recently on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" show. "I think a referendum on Donald Trump, if that's it, then I think the Democrats would win."

## Haley tries to leverage debates

A recent Suffolk University/Boston Globe/USA TODAY poll put the former

United Nations ambassador in second place in New Hampshire, ahead of DeSantis.

Allies are suggesting that GOP donors and candidates consolidate behind Haley as the best bet against Trump. That subtle strategy paid off last week when former Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, dropped out of the race and endorsed her.

During her USA TODAY Network town hall, Haley continued to promote herself as a "new generation" of leadership.

"I think Donald Trump was the right president at the right time," she said. "I don't think he's the right president now."

## Pence, a real conservative experience

Pence is increasingly critical of the president who put him on the national ticket, hitting him over support for tariffs, increased isolation in the world, criticism of Israel and a populist style at odds with traditional conservatism.

"I'm the most qualified, most experienced and most tested conservative seeking the Republican nomination," Pence said during his USA TODAY Network town hall.

Pence probably has more at stake in Iowa, which has a high number of social conservatives that are a big part of his base.

## Anti-Trump Christie bets it all on NH

The former New Jersey governor has been the race's fiercest critic of Trump.

"If he were a convicted felon, would you support him for president of the United States?" Christie asked during the "First In The Nation Leadership Summit" of the New Hampshire Republican Party.

Focusing on New Hampshire, as opposed to Iowa, Christie is hoping to replicate what John McCain did in 2008: a long-shot candidate whose victory in New Hampshire propelled him through the primary process onto the nomination.

## Ramaswamy a revolutionary

The businessman, author, and first-time candidate has always cast himself as the outsider candidate who is taking on "the establishment," an aggressive approach that has drawn verbal fire from other candidates.

But don't expect him to stop anytime soon.

# Booster

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weakened immune systems include:

- **Age:** This typically includes people over 65, though potentially, older people can wait if they're healthy, while younger people with ailments such as diabetes should move more quickly to get vaccinated.

- **Pregnancy:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists say the vaccines are safe at any time during pregnancy, and it's safer for both parent and baby to be vaccinated than risk getting infected.

- **Compromised health:** People who are medically vulnerable should take precautions, especially those in active treatment for blood cancer.

- **Compromised immune system:** If you're taking medications that tamp down the immune system, such as those for rheumatoid arthritis or after an organ transplant, experts say you should get a booster.

## Do you have a major life event coming up?

Is there something in your near future you absolutely can't miss, like a wedding? Something within three or four months? You'll want to get a shot sooner rather than later.

Although initial vaccines took about two weeks to take effect, a booster is likely to take less time because it works as a reminder to a system that's already primed, according to Dr. Michael Mina, an epidemiologist and immunologist, formerly at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

But current vaccines will only protect against all infections for about three months, so if that wedding or big European vacation is more than three or four months away, it's a better idea to put off your booster a bit longer, said Mina, currently chief science officer at eMed.

## Have you recently gotten the virus?

If you had a case of COVID-19 in late summer or early fall, you'll have protection against another infection for about three to four months, studies suggest.

But protection isn't like a light switch.

You won't be safe on Tuesday and vulnerable on Wednesday. It happens gradually.

It's impossible for experts to predict exactly when that protection will fade enough to leave you vulnerable or unexpectedly exposed to the virus.

## Is COVID-19 likely to get bad again?

This is a big unanswerable question. There isn't a COVID-19 season, per se, but for the past three years, the holiday season has triggered a spike in cases that peaked each year in January.

But it's unclear whether that pattern will repeat this year.

Experts don't think the next peak will be as high as it's been in previous winters, just as this summer's peak was not as high as it was in 2020, 2021 or 2022.

## Should I get flu and COVID shots simultaneously?

The CDC says it's perfectly safe to get the two shots at the same time.

If you spent a day on the couch after your last COVID booster or had a sore arm for a week after a flu shot, consider putting some space between them.

But if you're the type of person who's not likely to come back for that second shot, seize the moment and get both.

## Does it matter which vaccine I get?

No. There's not much difference among the three authorized vaccines.

Two, from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, are based on mRNA technology, which directs the body to make the spike protein found on the surface of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The third, from Novavax, provides the same protein directly.

All three remind the immune system what the spike protein looks like, so when an infection arrives, it will be ready to quickly respond.

If you have had rough side effects after getting an mRNA vaccine in the past, you might consider getting the Novavax shot this time, said John Moore, a professor of microbiology and immunology at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York.

As for mixing shots, studies haven't shown a significant benefit to mixing and matching vaccines.

"I do think it will take an outsider to that system coming in to break that system," Ramaswamy said during a USA TODAY Network town hall.

## Scott getting more aggressive

The South Carolina senator is being more aggressive, both toward Biden and toward other Republicans, particularly since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war.

Witness his dust-up with Haley during the Sept. 27 debate in California.

Citing comments from DeSantis and Ramaswamy, Scott said, "The last thing we need is a Joe Biden wing of the Republican Party on foreign policy."

## Burgum's gift card

The longshot North Dakota governor is trying to make sure he has the required poll numbers and donors to qualify for the next Republican debate, scheduled for Nov. 8 in Miami.

To that end, the Burgum campaign is offering \$20 gift cards to people who contribute as little as \$1 to his campaign.

During his USA TODAY Network town hall, Burgum said his campaign was focused on three things: "the economy, energy and national security."

## Hutchinson goes door-to-door

During his USA TODAY Network town hall, a visitor asked Hutchinson about the crowded field against Trump: How do you get attention with so many other rivals?

The former Arkansas governor said it takes hard work, talking to voters every day of every week right up to the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary.

Like Christie, Hutchinson has been notably critical of Trump.

## Trump backers: Challengers should drop out, endorse him

Trump supporters say it doesn't matter what the other candidates do: The former president is going to win in New Hampshire and cruise to the Republican nomination.

"We have the biggest grassroots operation in the state," said Stephen Stepanek, a senior adviser to the Trump campaign in New Hampshire.

He also said there's nothing the other candidates can do about it: "Probably the best thing they can do is endorse Trump and give up."

# PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

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Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before November 6, 2023. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Application are available ONLY online for inspection and copying on the Commission's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov), and at the Applicant's business address. ALL Parties to proceedings pending before the Commission must open and use an e-filing account through the Commission's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov) or you may submit the filing by overnight delivery to: Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. If a filing contains confidential or proprietary material, the filing is required to be submitted by overnight delivery. Large filings containing confidential or proprietary material may be submitted through the Commission's Share Point File system with advanced notice to the Commission prior to submittal.

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