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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

RE: **Pike County Light & Power Company's Request for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is Pike County Light & Power Company's Request for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes for an outage occurring October 9, 2023.

This filing is timely submitted consistent with the Commission's Order entered May 11, 2004, at Docket No. M-00991220.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Whitney E. Snyder*

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**REGULAR MAIL**

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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Re: Request for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

By this letter, Pike County Light & Power Company ("PCL&P") sets forth a 'Request for Exclusion of Major Outage For Reliability Reporting Purposes', in accordance with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PAPUC") Order entered May 11, 2004 at M-00991220. This request relates to interruptions to PCL&P customers that occurred on October 9, 2023. This incident meets the 10% customer threshold identified in Pa. Code §57.192, and was the result of the loss of a sub transmission feed to the PCL&P territory.

On October 9, 2023, a sub transmission feed from Orange and Rockland Utilities de-energized. As a result, 1,905 customers were interrupted. Since the number of customers affected exceeds the criteria for exclusion, PCL&P respectfully requests that the PAPUC accept this interruption as a Major Event.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Verbraak

Attachment (1)



- (c) Reason for interruption or outage, including weather data where applicable:

At approximately 2:00 pm on October 9, a sub transmission feed from Orange and Rockland Utilities de-energized. PCL&P has an automatic transfer switch installed, intended to transfer customers normally fed from this feed to another feed. The transfer switch did not operate as designed so power was restored via manual field switching. Weather was not a contributing factor to this outage.

- (d) The number of utility workers and others assigned specifically to the repair work:

There was a total of six utility workers specifically assigned to the repair work. Staffing included: four linemen, a planner and a General Manager.

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| (e) The date and time of the first notification of a service interruption:   | 10/9/2023<br>2:00 p.m. |
| (f) The actual time that service was restored to the last affected customer: | 10/9/2023<br>2:31 p.m. |

Remarks:

The Vista Switch that did not operate was successfully tested in June 2023 during the preventative maintenance cycle for reclosers, regulators and capacitor banks.

Following this event, the switch was inspected again producing a battery error code. Functional testing of the unit resulted in sporadic operations. A third-party company specializing in relay testing was contracted to investigate the source of the error. Results from the contracting company were inconclusive.

The next step in the troubleshooting process is a full evaluation of the relay scheme for the switch and has been scheduled. Additionally, a visual inspection of the wiring harness between the switch and the control house will be conducted.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

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DATED: January 31, 2024