



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
400 NORTH STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17120

IN REPLY, PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE

February 8, 2024

Docket No.: M-2024-3045929  
Utility Code: 110650

EDWARD P. VERBRAAK  
GENERAL MANAGER  
PIKE COUNTY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY  
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RE: Request to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes

Dear Mr. Verbraak:

On January 31, 2024, Pike County Light & Power Company (Pike) filed a request for exclusion of major outage for reliability reporting purposes in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Order entered May 11, 2004, at M-00991220.

Pike avers that on October 9, 2023, a dead tree fell on the Orange & Rockland (O&R) sub transmission line on Canal Street in Port Jervis, NY. The resulting fault caused the O&R sub transmission line serving Pike's Matamoras Substation to trip to locked open. Upon de-energization of the source feed, an automatic transfer switch at Pike's Matamoras Substation failed to transfer to an alternate source. This event caused sustained service interruptions to 1,905 customers out of a total of 5,305 customers served. Pike stated that weather was not a contributing factor in this interruption. There was a total of 59,055 Customer-Minutes-Interrupted. Pike states that the event caused service interruptions from October 9, 2023, at 14:00 hours until October 9, 2023, at 14:31 hours.

Upon review of the company's filing, it appears that the service interruptions described by Pike qualify as a major event, as defined in 52 Pa. Code § 57.192(i)(A). Therefore, the request for exclusion of service interruptions for reporting purposes is hereby approved. However, the Commission's approval is contingent upon the possibility that subsequent audits, reviews, and inquiry, in any Commission proceeding, may be conducted, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.197 (relating to Reliability investigations and enforcement).

In addition, this approval will apply only to the matter and parties specifically and clearly defined under this instant filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §5.44, file a petition with the Commission within 10 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Harry Bidelspach, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, at [hbidelspac@pa.gov](mailto:hbidelspac@pa.gov), or (717) 425-7401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

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