

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC

**Public Meeting held March 14, 2024
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STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIR KIMBERLY BARROW

Before us for consideration is a Joint Petition for Settlement of several FirstEnergy-owned transmission owners, Brookfield, and the Office of Consumer Advocate, with several other non-objecting settlement participants.

I believe the Settlement is not contrary to the public interest, but I would comment on one commitment made by the transmission owning parties.

In the Settlement, the transmission owning parties commit to reduce the number of transmission outages by five percent. An improvement in transmission and distribution system reliability is always a welcome goal, but in general I would encourage targets to be stated in terms of the magnitude of outages in addition to the number of outages. Considering magnitude of outages avoids shifting risk from many small outages to a few large outages, which may be more impactful. Similar changes have recently been made at the wholesale level, where PJM will now try to limit the amount of Expected Unserved Energy, rather than the number of hours where there is an expected capacity shortage. I believe that the approach taken at the wholesale level would improve distribution customer reliability here as well.

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Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair