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**VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Administrative Law Judge Mark A. Hoyer  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Office of Administrative Law Judge  
801 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Re: Eugene Bazan and Tania Slawecki v. West Penn Power Company**  
**Docket No. C-2017-2640338**

Dear Judge Hoyer:

Please allow this letter to serve as FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company on behalf of its West Penn Rate District's<sup>1</sup> (the "Company") response and objection to the Continuance Request of the Complainant.

By letter dated April 5, 2024, Mr. Bazan requested a continuance of the evidentiary hearing scheduled for April 25, 2024. Mr. Bazan is seeking additional time to bring in new evidence in light of certain changes that occurred over the past four years and to allow additional time to tend to personal family affairs.

The Company notes that Mr. Bazan will have the opportunity to address changes in the legal landscape in the briefing stage of the proceeding following the conclusion of the hearing rather than at the hearing.

Further, both parties have submitted their respective evidence in this proceeding, and it appears Mr. Bazan is not proposing the introduction of a new witness to present expert testimony as would otherwise be permitted given recent judiciary rulings.

Lastly, Mr. Bazan has had multiple years to prepare for the outstanding procedural steps in this case and therefore the Company believes that no further delay is warranted.

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<sup>1</sup> On January 1, 2024, FirstEnergy Corp.'s Pennsylvania operating companies (i.e., Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company) merged into FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company ("FE PA"). Due to the merger transaction, FE PA became successor in interest to all matters previously belonging to the individual Pennsylvania operating companies. As such, the customers of the former West Penn Power Company have their own separate and distinct rate district under FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company's tariff.

For all of the reasons outlined above, the Company opposes the request for continuance of the Complainant. Copies of this response are being provided in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service. Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

<b>EUGENE BAZAN AND TANIA SLAWECKI</b>	:	
v.	:	<b>Docket No. C-2017-2640338</b>
	:	
<b>WEST PENN POWER COMPANY</b>	:	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**


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

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