



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 20, 2024

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

**Re: Joint Default Service Plan for Wellsboro Electric Company for the Period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2029 / Docket No. P-2024-3049359**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Steven C. Gray*

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*Enclosures*

cc: Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE  
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**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION  
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

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The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the default service plan that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on May 31, 2024, by the Wellsboro Electric Company (“Wellsboro”) which requests approval of a Joint Default Service Plan for the Period June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029. In support of this Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 – 399.50) to represent the interest of small business customers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.

2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF  
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

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The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by her initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the Joint Default Service Plan of Wellsboro Electric Company (“Wellsboro”) which seeks approval for the period from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029 (“DSP VII”).

The Small Business Advocate files a Notice of Intervention in order to protect the interests of the Wellsboro’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all of the elements of DSP VII is necessary to ensure that it is lawful, just, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory.

In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Commission to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed terms and rates proposed in Wellsboro's DSP VII. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny any proposed rate increase or other changes in Wellsboro's present tariffs that apply to small business customers that are not proven to be lawful, just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory.

Dated: June 20, 2024

**VERIFICATION**

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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(Signature)

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless otherwise noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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