

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**Petition of First Energy Electric
Company for Approval of its Third
LTIIIP**

**Public Meeting of December 19, 2024
3050269-TUS
Docket No. P-2024-3050269**

STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIR KIMBERLY BARROW

Before us for consideration is the Petition of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FE PA or Company) for approval of its Third Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan (Third LTIIIP), filed on July 22, 2024. FE PA's Third LTIIIP covers a five-year period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

FE PA projects an overall investment of \$1.42 billion in the Third LTIIIP for investments in infrastructure designed to improve the Company's SAIFI, SAIDI and CAIDI.¹ FE PA highlights several projects in its LTIIIP that it believes will help improve the reliability of its systems.

Our recent periodic review of the Company's second LTIIIPs covering years 2020 through 2024 for the four Rate Districts² revealed, *inter alia*, that while FE PA substantially adhered to the project expenditures as outlined in the LTIIIPs and met or exceeded the goals of completing projects in a reasonable or effective manner, reliability performance metrics for SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI showed an increasingly negative trend over the past three calendar years.³

As a result, in our approval of the settlement in the Company's most recent base rate case,⁴ FE PA, *inter alia*, committed to a cumulative improvement in reliability that will result in a reduction of the weighted average SAIDI by 3.5% and SAIFI by 2.5% by January 1, 2028.

While I vote to approve this LTIIIP, similar to my views on the base rate settlement, I look forward to the Company making good on its commitment to improve system reliability with the additional revenues approved in the rate case and the projected investments to be made as highlighted in this LTIIIP. Again, I expect FE PA to include a progress report of these efforts in its next base rate filing. I also look forward to reviewing FE PA's report filed at the end of this LTIIIP that details the cumulative SAIDI and SAIFI benefits of the LTIIIP for each of the four Rate Districts.

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Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair

¹ SAIFI - System Average Interruption Frequency Index; SAIDI - System Average Interruption Duration Index; CAIDI - Customer Average Interruption Duration Index.

² Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed), Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), and West Penn Power Company (West Penn) merged into FE PA. Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power and West Penn are now Rate Districts (Rate Districts) pursuant to a Commission Order entered on December 7, 2023, at Docket Nos. A-2023-3038771, *et al.*

³ See, *Periodic Review of Metropolitan Edison Company's Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan, et al.*, at Docket Nos. M-2022-3031216, *et al.*

⁴ See, *Joint Petition For Approval Of Settlement Of All Issues*, filed on September 13, 2024, at Docket No. R-2024-3047068, page 25.