

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

Public Meeting held January 23, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Joint Letter of Notification of Mid-Atlantic
Interstate Transmission, LLC and FirstEnergy
Pennsylvania Electric Company for approval to
construct the Geneva – Morgan Street 115 kV
Transmission Line Tap located in Greenwood
Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Docket Numbers:
A-2024-3052306
A-2025-3052817

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 26, 2024, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (MAIT), Utility Code 1117780, and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FE PA) (collectively FirstEnergy), Utility Code 1126015, filed a Letter of Notification pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (Commission) transmission line siting regulation. For the reasons expressed in this Order, the Letter of Notification is approved.

Copies of the Letter of Notification were served in accordance with Section 57.72(d)(3) and 57.74(b) & (c), 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.72(d)(3), 57.74(b) & (c). No protests were filed. No hearings were held.

MAIT and FE PA request approval to construct the Geneva – Morgan Street 115 kV Transmission Line Tap located in Greenwood Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. The tap extends approximately 0.05 miles and connects the Geneva – Morgan Street 115 kV GMO Transmission Line to Vitro Meadville Flat Glass, LLC’s (Vitreo Glass) proposed substation. Application ¶7.

FirstEnergy submits that the construction of the Geneva – Morgan Street Tap is necessary to provide a new 115 kV delivery point for Vitro Glass, an existing customer of FE PA. FirstEnergy submits that the customer’s current 6 MW load is served from FE PA’s distribution system which is not currently designed to provide adequate service for the additional 31 MVA of load requested by the customer. Lastly, FirstEnergy submits that the project was presented at the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan committee meeting in May 2024 and June 2024 and subsequently assigned supplemental project identification number s3436.1. Application ¶¶12 & 16 and FirstEnergy Data Request Response No. 3.

FirstEnergy states that the new 115 kV transmission line tap will be supported on four new steel and wood pole transmission structures. FirstEnergy also states that the new structures will range from approximately 65 feet in height to approximately 73 feet in height and that existing nearby structures are approximately 75 feet in height. FirstEnergy states that the Geneva – Morgan Street Tap will be located within new right-of-way and that the right-of-way is approximately 100 feet in width. FirstEnergy states that MAIT will own the transmission line segment from the tap structure to the dead-end structure outside the customer’s substation and that FE PA will own the remaining span of the line extension

from the last structure to the substation termination point. Finally, FirstEnergy states that construction of the project is anticipated to commence in February 2025 with a proposed in-service date of May 2025. Application ¶¶8-9 & 21-22 and FirstEnergy Data Request Response Nos. 2 & 5.

FirstEnergy asserts that the Geneva – Morgan Street Tap project will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner that meets or surpasses all applicable MAIT and National Electrical Safety Code minimum standards and all applicable legal requirements. Application ¶10.

FirstEnergy states that the total estimated cost for the Geneva – Morgan Street Tap project is approximately \$1,695,500 and that MAIT will be responsible for approximately \$840,743 of the total project costs. FirstEnergy also states that the remaining costs will be allocated between FE PA and the end customer with a true up at the end of the project. FirstEnergy states that it estimates the end customer will assume approximately \$782,748 of the costs. FirstEnergy further states that MAIT’s business practice is to assume cost responsibility for upgrades, new connections, or installation of equipment along the networked path of its transmission system and located on the transmission side of the delivery point to the extent the facilities support the transmission network and are anticipated to benefit all customers connected to the network. FirstEnergy also states that the networked component of this project consists of the work on the Geneva – Morgan Street line. Application ¶22 and FirstEnergy Data Request Response No. 5.

Section 57.72 authorizes the abbreviated Letter of Notification siting application process in lieu of an application for the following:

- (i) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely on an existing transmission line right-of-way, so long as the size, character, design, or

configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.

- (ii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within a public road.
- (iii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within applicant's existing transmission line right-of-way and the property of the sole customer to be served by the line, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (iv) A line for which the voltage is proposed to be increased above its present levels so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (v) An HV line which is to be reconductored or reconstructed so long as the size, character, design or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (vi) An HV line having a proposed route of 2 miles or less.

52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d).

We agree with FirstEnergy and MAIT that the formal Letter of Notification and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(vi) because the project constructs the Geneva – Morgan Street Tap which is less than two miles in length. Moreover, the Commission has reviewed the filing and does not find it to be inconsistent with the applicable law or Commission policy regarding transmission line siting and, therefore, to be in the public interest.

We also note that our approval of the Letter of Notification does not address the issues of accounting treatment, and cost recovery; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Letter of Notification of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for approval to construct the Geneva – Morgan Street 115 kV Transmission Line Tap, located in Greenwood Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.
2. That upon completion of the subject project, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company shall file the final project cost with the Commission.
3. That upon completion of Ordering Paragraph 2, this proceeding at Docket Nos. A-2024-3052306 and A-2025-3052817 be closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

ORDER ADOPTED: January 23, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: January 23, 2025