



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 12, 2025

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

Re: Petition of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. (“AUI”) for a Time Extension to Submit a Lead Service Line Replacement Petition-Program / Docket No. P-2025-3053500

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-referenced 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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a Lead Service Line Replacement :
Petition-Program :

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

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the Petition of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. for a Time Extension to Submit a Lead Service Line Replacement Program that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on February 20, 2025. In support of this Notice of 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 consumers 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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Date: March 12, 2025

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

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 Public Utility 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 (“NOI”) in the Petition of Appalachian Utilities, Inc. for a Time Extension to Submit a Lead Service Line Replacement Program that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on February 20, 2025.

The Small Business Advocate files this NOI to protect the interests of Appalachian’s small business customers that could be affected by the program set forth in the Petition.


The Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Public Utility Commission to investigate the reasonableness of proposals set forth in the Petition. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny any aspect of the Petition that is not proven to be lawful, just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory.

Dated: March 12, 2025

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).

Date: March 12, 2025



(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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