

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

Public Meeting held April 10, 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 Keystone
Appalachian Transmission Company and
FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for
approval to construct the Grand Point – Guilford
138 kV Transmission Line Tap located in
Guilford Township, Franklin County,
Pennsylvania

Docket Number:
A-2025-3053251
A-2025-3053293

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 5, 2025, Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company (KATCo), Utility Code 1126021, and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FE PA), Utility Code 1126015, (collectively the companies) filed a joint Letter of Notification pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(iii) and (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.

KATCo and FE PA request approval to construct the Grand Point – Guilford 138 kV Transmission Line Tap located in Guilford Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The tap extends approximately 0.08 miles and connects the Grand Point – Guilford 138 kV Transmission Line to Martin’s Famous Pastry Shoppe, Inc.’s (Martins) proposed Cider Press Substation. Application ¶¶8-9.

The companies submit that the construction of the Grand Point – Guilford Tap is necessary to provide a new 138 kV delivery point so that FE PA can provide service for a new customer owned facility. The companies submit that Martin’s current load of 5.5 MVA is served from a 12.47 kV delivery point and the additional new load requested to support a new glass production facility is 6.5 MVA. The companies also submit the 12.47 kV infrastructure is not designed to handle the total customer requested load of 12 MVA. Lastly, the companies submit that the project was presented at the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan meeting in April 2024 and May 2024 and subsequently assigned supplemental project identification number s3481.1. Application ¶¶8 & 21 and the companies Data Request Response No. 4.

The companies state that construction of the new 138 kV transmission line tap will include the removal of one existing transmission structure and the installation of new conductors supported on four new steel pole transmission structures. The companies also state that the new structures will range from approximately 52 feet-in-height to approximately 97 feet-in-height and that the existing structure to be removed is approximately 68 feet-in-height. The companies state that the proposed transmission line tap will utilize 556.5 kcmil 26/7 Aluminum Conductor Steel Reinforced (ACSR) shielded

by two (2) 7#8 Alumoweld shield wires to match the existing conductor. The companies state that the Grand Point – Guilford Tap will be located within new and existing right-of-way and that all necessary easements have been obtained for the line extension. Finally, the companies state that both the new and existing right-of-way are approximately 100 feet-in-width. Application ¶¶11, 13 & 14 and the companies Data Request Response No. 2.

The companies assert that the Grand Point – Guilford Tap will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner that meets or surpasses all applicable National Electrical Safety Code and the companies’ minimum standards and all applicable legal requirements. Application ¶17.

The companies state that the total estimated cost for the Grand Point – Guilford Tap is approximately \$2,668,000 and that KATCo will be responsible for approximately \$1,750,000 of the total project costs. The companies also state that the remaining costs will be allocated between FE PA and Martin’s with a true up at the end of the project. The companies state that based on the current estimate, Martin’s will assume approximately \$881,000 of the costs. Finally, the companies state that construction of the project is anticipated to commence in May 2025 with a proposed in-service date of June 2025. Application ¶¶26-27.

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 recondotored 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 the companies that the formal KATCo and FE PA Letter of Notification and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(iii) and (vi) because the project constructs the Grand Point – Guilford 138 kV Transmission Line Tap on property owned by Martin's and existing transmission right-of-way in such a manner that it does not alter the existing right-of-way and because the transmission line tap 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 Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for approval to construct the Grand Point – Guilford 138 kV Transmission Line Tap, located in Guilford Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.

2. That upon completion of the subject project, Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company 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-2025-3053251 and A-2025-3053293 be closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

ORDER ADOPTED: April 10, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: April 10, 2025