

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,	:	
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement	:	
	:	C-2024-3052650
v.	:	
	:	
FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER SUSPENDING LITIGATION SCHEDULE  
AND REQUIRING STATUS REPORTS**

On December 20, 2024, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (Commission) Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement filed a Formal Complaint against FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company – West Penn Power Rate District alleging violations of the Public Utility Code and the Commission’s regulations regarding winter termination procedures and procedures for contact prior to termination, in connection with a reported fatality.

A prehearing conference was convened as scheduled on February 25, 2025, following which I issued a Scheduling Order on February 27, 2025 that adopted the parties’ proposed schedule for litigation. Direct testimony is due on May 21, 2025.

By email received on May 14, 2025, the parties advised that settlement negotiations are ongoing and jointly requested to stay the litigation schedule. The parties indicated that a stay of 90 days would allow them to complete negotiations and, if negotiations are successful, to file a proposed settlement.

By email on May 15, 2025, I advised the parties that I would grant the joint request for stay. This interim order serves to memorialize my determination to grant the stay and suspend the litigation schedule for 90 days.

It is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). Even if the parties are unable to settle this case, they may still resolve some of the questions or issues during their discussions.

The parties are reminded that requirements for submitting settlements and stipulations are set forth on page 6 of the Scheduling Order issued on February 27, 2025.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the joint request to suspend the litigation schedule is granted;
2. That the telephonic evidentiary hearings scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2025 in this matter are canceled;
3. That all provisions of the Scheduling Order issued in this matter shall remain in effect, other than the procedural schedule and associated deadlines;
4. That the parties are directed to file a status report, jointly or separately, **no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 7, 2025**, providing an update regarding the status of their settlement discussions. If the parties believe that it is appropriate to establish a new litigation schedule, the status report shall include proposed dates for written testimony and hearings;
5. That the parties are directed to file an additional status report, jointly or separately, **no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 19, 2025**, providing an update regarding the status of their settlement discussions. The status report shall include proposed dates for written testimony and hearings;

6. That in the event that a full settlement is filed, status reports are not required; and

7. That the parties are reminded that Commission policy encourages settlement and that they should continue to communicate with each other in an attempt to resolve their dispute.

Date: May 21, 2025

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Erin L. Gannon  
Administrative Law Judge

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