

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

Public Meeting held May 22, 2025

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission  
v.  
Wellsboro Electric Company

Docket Number:  
R-2025-3054392

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On April 30, 2025, Wellsboro Electric Company (Wellsboro Electric), Utility Code 111200, filed proposed Supplement No. 162 to Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 8, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$2.9 million (22.0%) in additional annual revenues, an increase in residential customer's bills using 700 kWh/month from \$142.75 to \$168.97/month (18.4%), to become effective June 29, 2025.

On May 12, 2025 and May 14, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, respectively, filed Formal Complaints. Various oppositions were also filed.

Wellsboro Electric stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary due to its: substantial investments in its distribution system to increase customer reliability and safety, need to maintain rights of way and replace aging infrastructure, replacement of its antiquated office building, and need to earn a fair and reasonable return on its investments. Wellsboro Electric also stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary to weather the inflationary pressures on its costs for equipment, materials, and labor.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until January 29, 2026, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Wellsboro Electric's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Supplement No. 162 to Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 8.
2. That the proposed Supplement No. 162 to Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 is suspended by operation of law until January 29, 2026, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Wellsboro Electric Company's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Wellsboro Electric Company, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: May 22, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: May 22, 2025

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

(COMPANY'S NAME)

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(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

Issued:

**NOTICE**

The rates and regulations proposed in Supplement No. \_\_\_\_ to Tariff \_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_ filed to become effective \_\_\_\_\_ are hereby suspended to become effective \_\_\_\_\_, at Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff \_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.