

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

David Hughes	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2025-3055994
	:	C-2025-3056084
FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

On June 28, 2025, Complainant filed David Hughes (Complainant or Mr. Hughes) filed a Formal Complaint regarding his electric service (First Complaint). The Complainant reported he filed his complaint because FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FirstEnergy or Respondent) was threatening to shut off or did shut off his service, because he would like a payment arrangement, and because there were incorrect charges on his bill. First Complaint ¶ 4. Complainant further averred “we want to see any charges that are not related to current bills removed,” noting there were charges from 20 years ago, and his electric bill was “impossible to keep up with.” *Id.* ¶ 5. Complainant’s First Complaint was docketed at C-2025-3056084.

Respondent filed an Answer on July 23, 2025 (First Answer), indicating a termination notice had been issued for undisputed delinquent charges, and averring that no further Commission payment arrangement was permitted. First Answer ¶ 5. Respondent denied the existence of incorrect charges on Complainant’s account. *Id.*

On June 30, 2025, Complainant filed a second Formal Complaint regarding electric service at the same address listed in the First Complaint (Second Complaint). The Complainant reported he filed the Second Complaint because Respondent was threatening to shut off or did shut off his service, and because he would like a payment arrangement. Second

Complaint ¶ 4. Complainant further averred that he was on a payment plan that he could never afford. *Id.* ¶ 5. Complainant's Second Complaint was docketed at C-2025-3055994.

Respondent filed an Answer to the Second Complaint on July 21, 2025 (Second Answer), indicating a termination notice had been issued for undisputed delinquent charges, and averring that no further Commission payment arrangement was permitted. Second Answer ¶ 4.

Both the First Complaint and Second Complaint indicate they relate to the same service address and the same utility account number.

Both Formal Complaints were assigned to me for adjudication. On July 28, 2025, a Hearing Notice for Docket Number C-2025-3055994 was issued scheduling an initial telephonic hearing for Monday, October 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. A Prehearing Order was issued on July 28, 2025.

On July 31, 2024, a Hearing Notice was issued scheduling an initial telephonic hearing for Thursday, September 23, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. for Docket Number C-2025-3055994. A Prehearing Order was issued on August 1, 2025 for that Docket Number.

On July 29, 2025, Respondent filed a Motion to Consolidate at each docket number, requesting consolidation of the Formal Complaints at Docket Numbers C-2025-3056084 and C-2025-3055994. Respondent argued consolidation would avoid needless duplication of litigation and averred the Formal Complaints contained identical issues of law and fact. Respondent indicated consolidation would avoid the need to appoint separate Administrative Law Judges to preside over the Complaints, participation of two separate proceedings on the same issues, and duplication of discovery and witnesses. Respondent also noted consolidation could avoid the potential for issuance of inconsistent adjudications if the matters were to remain separate.

A presiding officer has the authority to order proceedings involving a common question of law or fact to be consolidated. 52 Pa. Code 5.81. In this case, the issues raised by

the Complainant overlap significantly. Both Formal Complaints indicate Complainant's electric service has been shut off or is at risk of being shut off, and both request a payment arrangement. Both Formal Complaints relate to the same service address and the same account number. Consolidation in this case would promote judicial economy and allows those involved to avoid duplication of efforts and prevent inconsistent results.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Consolidate filed by FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company in the above-captioned proceedings at Docket Numbers C-2025-3055994 and C-2025-3056084 is granted, and the matters are consolidated at Docket Number C-2025-3055994.
2. That the hearing that was scheduled for September 23, 2025 in relation to Docket Number C-2025-3056084 only is cancelled.
3. That the hearing scheduled for October 6, 2025 under Docket Number C-2025-3055994 will be held as scheduled, and will address both Formal Complaints. A new Hearing Notice will be issued listing both Docket Numbers C-2025-3055994 and C-2025-3056084 as the Formal Complaints to be addressed.

Date: August 4, 2025

_____/s/
Ann Quimby
Administrative Law Judge

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