

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, <i>et al</i>	:	
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v.	:	
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Wellsboro Electric Company	:	R-2025-3054392
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and	:	
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Valley Energy, Inc.	:	R-2025-3054393
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and	:	
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Citizen’s Electric Company of Lewisburg	:	R-2025-3054394

**INTERIM ORDER
ON REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Evidentiary hearings are scheduled to be held in the above cases on Thursday, September 4, 2025, Friday, September 5, 2025, and Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in Harrisburg. To assist the Parties in the preparation for the evidentiary hearings, this order sets forth procedures for the conduct of the hearings. All Parties are expected to read this order carefully and comply with all instructions and deadlines.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the last day to request the cancellation of the evidentiary hearings is **noon on September 2, 2025**. No request to cancel only the first day of hearing will be granted. A request to cancel the hearings will only be granted if the request is unanimous and the Parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of all witnesses and to stipulate to admission of testimonies and exhibits. The Parties shall file a fully executed joint stipulation for the

admission of evidence with the Secretary's Bureau no later than 4 p.m. on September 3, 2025. The stipulation must include: (1) a stipulation that all parties waive cross-examination of all witnesses, (2) a list of all testimonies and exhibits to be admitted into the record, either embedded within the stipulation or attached to the stipulation, (3) a stipulation that the testimonies and exhibits to be admitted into the record are admissible and should be admitted. If such a stipulation is filed, the Presiding Officer may issue an Order adopting the stipulation, admitting the evidence into the record, cancelling the evidentiary hearings, and ordering the parties to file their testimonies and exhibits, with appropriate verifications, with the Commission's Secretary's Bureau along with a copy of the Order. The stipulation shall also be provided to the Presiding Officer in Microsoft Office Word format.

2. That all Parties who will present evidence or examine witnesses shall promptly consult with each other and prepare a witness matrix including the identification of witnesses for each party, indicating which parties intend to cross-examine witnesses and the approximate amount of time for examination of each witness by each Party and cross-examination by each Party. The witness matrix shall be provided to the undersigned Presiding Officer not later than **September 3, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

3. Any written testimony, exhibits, matrices, or stipulations served on or after September 2, 2025, must be provided to the Presiding Officer in hard copy on September 4, 2025, at 9 a.m.

4. **All witnesses who will provide oral rejoinder testimony or be subject to cross-examination must appear in person.** Requests for oral rejoinder or cross-examination by telephone will only be granted in exigent circumstances. Failure of counsel to secure the appearance of a witness in a timely manner is not an exigent circumstance.

5. Counsel must provide witnesses who appear at the evidentiary hearing to provide oral rejoinder testimony or testimony on cross-examination, copies of exhibits, as well as written testimony and accompanying exhibits, prepared by that witness. Copies shall also be provided to the Presiding Officer, the Court Reporter, and the Parties at the evidentiary hearing.

However, the Parties may agree to waive circulation of pre-served written testimony at the evidentiary hearing, among themselves, as the Parties agree.

6. Evidentiary hearing exhibits, including written testimony and exhibits admitted into evidence, shall be sent to the court reporter electronically by the Party sponsoring the exhibits by the close of business on the last day of hearings, with a copy provided to the Presiding Officer. This is in the interest of the environment and saving ratepayers money from the expenditure of printing voluminous hard copies.

7. In the event that all active Parties have stipulated to waive cross-examination and to excuse a witness from attending the evidentiary hearing, the sponsoring Party need not produce hard copies of the witness's pre-served testimony and exhibits as part of the Party's evidentiary hearing exhibits, as long as the pre-served testimony has already been circulated to the Presiding Officer and Parties in this proceeding. In such event, the pre-served testimony of such witnesses whose appearance and cross-examination have been waived, may be identified for movement into the record at the hearing through an inventory of pre-served testimony which must be provided by the sponsoring Party as a hearing exhibit. In such case, the evidentiary hearing exhibits, including written testimony and exhibits admitted into evidence, shall be sent to the court reporter electronically by the Party sponsoring the exhibits by the close of business on the last day of hearings, with a copy provided to the Presiding Officer.

8. That all Parties who will present evidence or examine witnesses shall promptly consult with each other and identify and exchange a list of all written testimonies, exhibits, and all such documents and materials that each Party intends to introduce into evidence at the evidentiary hearing as well as a list of all documents and materials that each party intends to use at the evidentiary hearing, not later than September 4, 2025 at 9 a.m. A master list of all such written testimonies, exhibits, and all such documents and materials, including verifications or affidavits of witnesses, shall also be provided to the undersigned Presiding Officer not later than September 4, 2025, at 4 p.m..

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