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**DATE OF DEPOSIT**

December 11, 2025

**Mr. Matthew Homsher**  
Secretary's Bureau  
Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room-N201  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**DEC 11 2025**

**PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
SECRETARY'S BUREAU**

**Re: Nomination of Dr. Laura Miller to the West Penn Energy Fund Board of Directors (Docket Number M-00031715F0005).**

Dear Mr. Homsher,

On behalf of the West Penn Energy Fund (WPEF), I am submitting the nomination of Dr. Laura Miller to serve on the WPEF Board of Directors. The WPEF Board approved this nomination at their December 11, 2025 board meeting. Dr. Miller, if approved by the PA Public Utility Commission, will replace former Board Director Mr. Robert Hosken.

We are excited to provide Dr. Miller the opportunity to join the WPEF Board. I have attached her resume for PUC consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Joel L. Morrison***

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Fund Administrator, WPEF

Cc:  
Mr. Alan Neuner, WPPSEF President  
Mr. James Smith, Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland  
Mr. David Edinger, PA Public Utility Commission  
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October 25, 2025

Mr. Joel Morrison  
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Dear Human Resources Representative:

After viewing the board vacancy for the West Penn Energy Fund, I am submitting my resume and this letter to express my interest in the position. I believe that I could bring my talent, expertise, and drive for excellence to help meet the mission and vision. I have been managing energy programs for twenty five years with a focus on advancing energy technology, implementing measures that reduce consumption and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions.

First and foremost, I would like to be considered for this position as I meet or exceed your criteria.

- I reside in State College and am served by West Penn Power.
- Most recently, my time at the University consisted of administrative experience relative to program management, facilities operation, strategic planning, outreach, continuing education, and human resources.
- As a program manager, I have worked successfully with the WPEF Board and staff to secure a grant for Penn State in 2020. I have also attend a Board Meeting to present, and have an established relationship with the Administration in State College. As the manager for the Penn State Energy Savings Program (ESP), my accountabilities included technical review, fiduciary responsibility, determination of project impact – for every project (over 200) that received funding from the program.
- My experience in Pennsylvania's sustainable energy sector started with the regulatory overhaul of the electric utilities in the late 1990s. I was one of the leading facilitators in the change management process Met-ED (now West Penn) when the electric industry was deregulated. My first role as an employee at Penn State was finalizing and delivering the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act. As an energy management consultant, I led several of the Commonwealth Agencies through the process of developing project scope inclusive of energy conservation opportunities. I assisted Penn State with the movement to market based electric rates. I participated in the select team that negotiated a new natural gas line to serve the Airport. At Penn State, I tracked the

emissions reductions of every project and provided support to our Environmental teams responsible for reporting data to the Commonwealth.

- My experience in focusing on energy and the environment includes a broad community. As a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), I spend time educating young women about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Much of this involves programs that focus on energy and sustainability. I helped a local Girls Scout Club obtain their energy badges. As an educator, I taught engineering classes about cogeneration and energy efficiency. I have supported Ferguson Township with the development of an energy policy. I present energy and sustainability programs at conferences (including WPEF). In my role as ESP manager – every project was about benefitting the university community through efficiency, comfort, and operational improvements. A few examples of growing the sustainable energy manufacturing base and supply chain include Ultra Low Freezer rebates, LED Lighting upgrades and heavy use of Act 129 rebates. My recent studies have included steam to hot water conversion in distribution, electric vehicles and charging stations, solar and geothermal installations. Penn State supports implementation of cogeneration and is currently looking to help advance nuclear.

I have held several supervisor/manager positions throughout my career. I am comfortable working with clients and customers of various backgrounds. I have been tasked with presenting ideas, programs, and solutions to agencies, communities and internal operations. In my current role, I often represent the University at Industry Conferences where I present on Energy, Utilities, and Sustainability. Additionally, I have developed strategic initiatives, lead master planning efforts, and reviewed new and emerging technologies.

Through feedback analysis, associates note my strong commitments to problem solving, customer service and organization. My peers have identified me as a leader, communicator, and mentor. As an engineer, I understand the value of metrics, order, and planning – but I also bring the added value of understanding people and organizations. I foster initiatives that benefit the Town/Gown relationship and can be applied globally such as social justice, sustainability, diversity and inclusion, and fiduciary responsibility. I have taken advantage of offerings and opportunities to work across colleges, campuses, and other units at the University. My career has been based around problem solving, leadership, and building collaborative relationships. I have developed exemplary communication skills, learned to consider many possibilities, and practiced using sound judgment. You will find that I am trustworthy, ethical, and dedicated to energy management and environmental sustainability..

Thank you, Laura Miller



**LAURA LITTLE MILLER PhD, PE**

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**EDUCATION****The Pennsylvania State University**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Bachelor of Science

*Workforce Education and Development*  
*Mechanical Design Engineering Technology*

2010 – Recipient of the Edward L. and Dessa B. Keller Memorial Scholarship

**PROFESSIONAL****The Pennsylvania State University (PSU)****Office of Physical Plant (OPP)****2001-2008; 2011-2025****Manager Energy Program**

- The PSU Energy Savings Program (ESP) redirects utility funds to improve energy efficiency in facilities by implementing new technologies and managing utilities. As manager, I oversaw the pre-approval of firms, funding approvals, repayment structures, energy auditing, and scope definitions. ESP funding for qualifying projects is available to all the colleges, units, and campuses within the University. The program was established in 2003, and highlights include:
  - Successful investment of more than \$60 million in projects during the initial 10-year period.
  - Continued funding of \$55 million into the current 5-year capital plan (2013-2018).
  - Board of Trustees approval for \$79 million to support the 2018-2023 capital plan.
  - Continued Funding \$10 million FY 2024 – FY 2026.
  - More than \$160 million in utility/energy savings, nearly 150,000 tons in reduced carbon emissions.
  
- The ESP was established under my direction. Program management duties included:
  - Preprogramming, which begins with articulating needs, defining a scope, and issuing RFPs for complex engineering studies, environmental compliance for building and utility projects centered around energy management.
  - Collaborating with researchers and manufacturers on emerging technologies for energy, facility, and utility systems.
  - Participating in selection, oversight, design, construction and approving funding for specific projects where my proficiency was required to assure completion and success.
  - Utility and energy master planning for the University; key projects are power plant operations at University Park, Hershey Medical Center and Penn State Harrisburg.
  - Assumed both lead and supporting roles in utility and energy procurement; one such example was negotiating the natural gas lines to the University Park Campus and the University Park Airport.
  - Collaboration with an external legal team to prepare briefs, technical documents, and testimony for submittal to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.
  
- With the ability to strategize, plan and follow through with complicated projects; I was often charged with special assignments that allowed me to work with various levels of University leadership: My broad range of knowledge included human resources activities, employee management, student engagement and programming for both organizational and professional training.
  - Supervision of energy engineers and wage payroll interns.
  - Managed an approved list of qualified professionals for specific engineering studies and audits.
  - Taught the AE capstone courses for the students in the mechanical discipline.
  - Advised students in the Energy Engineering capstone course.
  - Assumed the lead in planning and executing offsite retreats, teamwork learning events, and professional accreditation courses for the department.

**Laura Little Miller PhD, PE****PROFESSIONAL (continued)****Finance and Business (F&B)****2017/2018**

Administrative Fellow – Serving under the Senior Vice President for Finance and Business/Treasurer

- This professional development opportunity broadened my business acumen through experiences in higher education administration. The fellowship increased my awareness of the complexity of issues facing senior leadership at the University. I strengthened my administrative perspectives and enhanced my understanding of the academic and financial environments in which decisions are made.

**Outreach****2009-2010**

Manager Outreach Professional Development

- My specific role focused on talent management for all of Outreach. Specific duties were maintaining the budget for Professional Development; coordinating, planning and delivering training programs for approximately 1000 employees; and supervising training staff within Human Resources.
- As a Program Manager for Continuing Education at University Park:
  - Managed Continuing Education programs and curriculum for the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Earth & Mineral Sciences, Information Sciences & Technology, and Science.
  - Developed and maintained budgets for all programs and services.
  - Performed as an instructor, proctor, and tutor; and advised adult learners.

**Facilities Engineering Institute (FEI)****1999-2001**

Energy Management Consultant

- FEI provides engineering, advising, and educational services to select Commonwealth Agencies. My role was assisting the Commonwealth in establishing the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA - Acts 57/77), a program that allows state organizations to redirect annual utility payments toward energy efficiency improvements. I became the liaison and leader for the GESA process and project implementation.

**Other relevant history****Metropolitan Edison Company/GPU Energy (First Energy)**

- As the electric industry postured for regulator change, I was instrumental in delivering the Vision into Action program across the entire organization. In this change management initiative, I was the lead facilitator for more than 40 workshops. Regionally, I was the coordinator of the York Division programming effort and created a follow up program called Keep the Vision Alive.
- As a project manager, I oversaw Bulk (500 kVA) Electric Transmission projects in PA and NJ. This often required contract negotiations and renewals with major Northeast Utilities and approval from the public utility commissions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- In Energy Services, I managed a department of 20+ engineers, salespeople, and administrators. My responsibilities included budget oversight, customer service, and civic engagement.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Miller, L. L. (2010). *Measuring the Efficacy of an Energy and Environmental Awareness Campaign to Effectively Reduce Water Consumption*. Doctoral thesis. (Penn State)
- Miller, L. L. (2009). *Conducting a Facility Audit. Microlesson for Penn State Management and Development Programs and Services*.
- Pearce, J. M. & Miller, L. L. (2006). *Energy Service Companies as a Component of a Comprehensive University Sustainability Strategy. International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education, 7,1 pp.16-23.*

**Laura Little Miller PhD, PE****LICENSE, CERTIFICATES & TRAINING (Selected)**

- Professional Engineer – Mechanical Discipline
- Certified Educational Facilities Professional
- Essentials of Project Management
- Penn State The Supervisors Series I
- Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching
- Executive Leadership
- Penn State Emerging Leader
- Penn State Excellence in Management
- Penn State The Supervisors Series I & II
- Leadership York

**INSTRUCTOR/PRESENTER (Recent)**

- AE 481W/482 Comprehensive Architectural Engineering Senior Project I and II
- EGEE 494 Senior Advisor for Energy Engineering students
- Guest lecturer in Energy Engineering
- Guest Lecturer in Industrial Engineering
- Guest Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering
- Bending the Energy Curve. WPPSEF Power and Foresight Conference
- Energy at Penn State: The Sustainable Series – Utilities
- Energy at Penn State: The Sustainable Series – Buildings
- CHP as Boiler Replacement Webinar (Eastern Research Group)
- Green Advantage ® (Continuing Education)

**SKILLS**

- Excellent Communications, both written and verbal
  - Seasoned presenter and lecturer in energy and utility subjects
  - Produce Requests for Qualifications/Proposals and author technical papers and special articles
  - Comfortable interacting with executive and senior level leadership
- Proficient in Microsoft Office © – Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Training and Development
- Reviewing technical reports and drawings
- Editing of business, academic and technical reports
- Contract negotiation

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Penn State Employee Mentoring Program – Founding Committee member 2018/2019
- Finance and Business Office of Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Women’s History Programming
- Commission for Women: Member Executive Committee; Chair-Family Policies Committee; Mentor and Liaison to Athletics Committee for Diversity & Inclusion
- AAUW member and STEM Committee representative
- OPP Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Founder and Chair – Engineering Services Women’s Group
- University Performance Management Steering Committee
- Finance and Business Mentor for Diversity & Inclusion, and Welcome Aboard Committees
- Faculty and Staff Achievement Award Committee
- OPP Climate Survey Committee
- Environmental Forum Committee
- Coordinator of Big 10 & Friends Conference for Utilities, and Mechanical/Energy
- Women in Engineering Student Mentor

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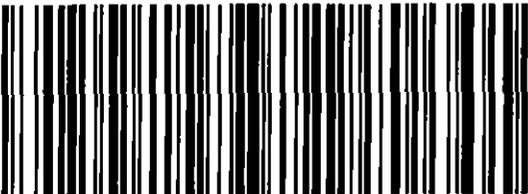
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