

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

Public Meeting held January 29, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Letter Petition for Approval of a Board Member
to the West Penn Energy Fund

Docket No.
M-2023-3041569

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Commission is a Letter Petition of the West Penn Energy Fund (WPEF), dated December 11, 2025, for the approval of a nominee to its Board of Directors. Commission approval of the proposed Board member is required by the WPEF's governing Bylaws. *West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Bylaws*, Docket No. R-00973981 (Order entered June 2, 2000); *Letter Petition of the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund for Approval of Revisions to the Bylaws that Govern its Operation*, Docket No. M-00031715F0005 (Order entered January 26, 2017); *Letter Petition of the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund for Approval of Revisions to the Bylaws that Govern its Operation*, Docket No. M-2023-3041569 (Order entered July 11, 2024).

On November 18, 1998, at Docket Number R-00973981, the Commission approved the Joint Petition for Full Settlement of the restructuring proceeding filed by West Penn Power Company (West Penn Power) so as to comply with the requirements of the Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act, as amended, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 2801-2815. *Application of West Penn Power Company for Approval of its Restructuring Plan under Section 2806 of the Public Utility Code*, Docket No. R-00973981 (Order entered November 19, 1998). Among the provisions of the approved settlement was one establishing a Sustainable Energy Fund to promote (1) the development and use of renewable energy and clean energy technologies, (2) energy conservation and efficiency, and (3) renewable business initiatives and projects in the West Penn Power service territory.

On June 4, 1999, the Commission approved the Advisory Board for the WPEF, and, on June 2, 2000, the Commission approved the Bylaws for the WPEF. *Re Sustainable Energy Funds*, Docket No. R-00973981 (Order entered June 4, 1999). The approval of the Bylaws allowed the WPEF to begin operations to promote the development of and use of renewable and clean energy technologies in Pennsylvania.

At the Advisory Board meeting of the WPEF on December 11, 2025, the Board took action to nominate and approve Dr. Laura Miller to serve on the Board of Directors. The WPEF requests that the Commission approve the appointment of Dr. Miller to replace Mr. Robert Hosken, whose term expired on December 31, 2024. Dr. Miller will serve as the WPEF Director to represent energy conservation and efficiency interests and environmental interests. Pursuant to the WPEF Bylaws at Article IV, Section 4.3 (A) (relating to Board of Directors), the Board strives to have members representative of renewable or clean energy

interests, energy conservation or efficiency interests, environmental interests, industrial or commercial interests, and institutional or consumer interests.

Dr. Miller has worked for over twenty-five years in the energy management sector in higher education, focusing on advancing energy technology. Dr. Miller has most recently been the Energy Program Manager at the Office of Physical Plant at Pennsylvania State University (PSU), particularly establishing the PSU Energy Savings Program and directing funds to improve energy efficiency in facilities. Dr. Miller held this position for over twenty years. Dr. Miller has held positions on several committees and working groups during her time at PSU. Dr. Miller graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Design Engineering Technology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Workforce Education and Development. Dr. Miller resides in State College, Pennsylvania.

Based on a review of all relevant information, we find this nominee to be well qualified to serve on the Advisory Board of the West Penn Energy Fund;

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the nomination of Dr. Laura Miller to the Advisory Board of the West Penn Energy Fund is hereby approved.

2. That a copy of this Order be served on Dr. Laura Miller, the West Penn Energy Fund, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business Advocate.

3. That this proceeding, at M-2023-3041569, be closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: January 29, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: January 29, 2026