

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

Public Meeting held February 19, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Joint Letter of Notification of Keystone  
Appalachian Transmission Company and  
FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for  
approval to construct the Dutch Fork – Windsor  
138 kV Transmission Line Tap located in  
Donegal Township, Washington County,  
Pennsylvania

Docket Numbers:  
A-2025-3059423  
A-2025-3059434

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On December 19, 2025, Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company (KATCo), Utility Code 1126021, and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FE PA), Utility Code 1126015, (collectively the Companies) filed a joint Letter of Notification pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (Commission) transmission line siting regulation. For the reasons expressed in this Order, the Letter of Notification is approved.

Copies of the Letter of Notification were served in accordance with Section 57.72(d)(3) and 57.74(b) & (c), 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.72(d)(3), 57.74(b) & (c). No protests were filed. No hearings were held.

KATCo and FE PA request approval to construct the Dutch Fork – Windsor 138 kV Transmission Line Tap located in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. The tap extends approximately 0.6 miles from a point between existing structure #123 and structure #124 on the Dutch Fork – Windsor 138 kV Transmission Line to MPLX Grahek’s proposed Substation. Application ¶¶23-24.

The Companies submit that the construction of the Dutch Fork – Windsor Tap is necessary to provide a new 138 kV delivery point so that FE PA can provide service for a new customer owned facility. The Companies also submit that the new load is approximately 20 MVA to support a new compressor station. Lastly, the Companies submit that the project was presented at the PJM Interconnection, LLC Regional Transmission Expansion Plan meeting in December 2024 and April 2025 and subsequently assigned supplemental project identification number s3755.1. Application ¶¶16 & 19 and pages 1-2.

The Companies state that construction of the new 138 kV transmission line tap will include the removal of three existing double circuit transmission structures on the Dutch Fork – Windsor line and Gordon Windsor 138 kV Transmission Line and the installation of new conductors supported on five new steel pole transmission structures. The Companies also state that the new transmission structures will be a combination of single circuit and double circuit structures and range from approximately 80 feet in height to approximately 125 feet in height and that the existing structures to be removed range from approximately 75 feet in height to approximately 100 feet in height. Additionally, the Companies state that the proposed transmission line tap will utilize 954 kcmil 45/7 “Rail” aluminum

conductor steel reinforced (ACSR) conductors. The Companies further state that the Dutch Fork – Windsor Tap will be located within new and existing right-of-way and that all necessary right-of-way has been obtained for the line extension. Finally, the Companies state that both the new and existing right-of-way are approximately 100 feet in width. Application ¶¶24, 26, & 30-31 and the Companies Data Request Response No. 3.

The Companies assert that the Dutch Fork – Windsor Tap will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner that meets or surpasses all applicable National Electrical Safety Code and KATCo minimum standards and all applicable legal requirements. Application ¶29.

The Companies state that the total estimated cost for the Dutch Fork – Windsor Tap is approximately \$4.9 million and that KATCo will be responsible for approximately \$1.64 million of the total project costs. The Companies also state that the remaining costs will be allocated between FE PA and MPLX Grahek and based on the current estimate MPLX Grahek will assume approximately \$3.21 million of the costs. Finally, the Companies state that construction of the project is anticipated to commence in February 2026 with a proposed in-service date of June 2026. Application page 2 and the Companies Data Request Response No. 4.

Section 57.72 authorizes the abbreviated Letter of Notification siting application process in lieu of an application for the following:

- (i) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely on an existing transmission line right-of-way, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.

- (ii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within a public road.
- (iii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within applicant's existing transmission line right-of-way and the property of the sole customer to be served by the line, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (iv) A line for which the voltage is proposed to be increased above its present levels so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (v) An HV line which is to be recondotored or reconstructed so long as the size, character, design or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (vi) An HV line having a proposed route of 2 miles or less.

52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d).

We agree with the Companies that the formal KATCo and FE PA Letter of Notification and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(vi) because the subject project constructs the Dutch Fork – Windsor 138 kV Transmission Line Tap which is less than two miles in length. Moreover, the Commission has reviewed the filing and does not find it to be inconsistent with the applicable law or Commission policy regarding transmission line siting and, therefore, to be in the public interest.

We also note that our approval of the Letter of Notification does not address the issues of accounting treatment, and cost recovery; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the joint Letter of Notification of Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for approval to construct the Dutch Fork – Windsor 138 kV Transmission Line Tap, located in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.

2. That upon completion of the subject project, Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company shall file the final project cost with the Commission.

3. That upon completion of Ordering Paragraph 2, this proceeding at Docket Nos. A-2025-3059423 and A-2025-3059434 be closed.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

ORDER ADOPTED: February 19, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: February 19, 2026