

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric :
Company for Approval of Its Default Service : P-2026-3060298
Program for the Period June 1, 2027 to :
May 31, 2031 :

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

A Prehearing Conference is scheduled in this case for **Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** To participate in the conference, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a passcode number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name and then the telephone system will connect you to the conference.

CALL-IN INFORMATION

Toll-free Bridge Number: 1-866-759-6860
Passcode Number: 71568747

You must call into the conference on the scheduled day and time. Failure of any party to attend the prehearing conference without good cause shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the prehearing conference. You will not be called by the Administrative Law Judges.

The parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. Each party must file and serve, **prior to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, a Prehearing Conference Memorandum which sets forth the history of the proceeding, the issues you intend to present, a proposed plan and schedule of discovery, a listing of your proposed witnesses and the subject of their testimony, and a proposed litigation schedule, agreed to by all parties if possible. 52 Pa.Code § 5.222(d). The undesignated may be served by email at egannon@pa.gov and mhoyer@pa.gov and there is no need to follow email service by hard copy until further notice. **Parties represented by multiple attorneys should designate in their**

prehearing memorandum a lead representative for the purposes of the prehearing conference.

2. A request for a change of the scheduled Prehearing Conference date must state the agreement or opposition of other parties and must be submitted by email to the undersigned no later than three (3) days prior to the Prehearing Conference. 52 Pa.Code § 1.15(b). Only the undersigned Administrative Law Judges may grant a request for a change of a prehearing conference. Such changes are granted only in rare situations where sufficient cause exists. Requests for changes of subsequent prehearing conferences or hearings, if any, should also be served directly on the presiding Administrative Law Judges.

In accordance with the foregoing, absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled Prehearing Conference.

3. Please review the regulations pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa.Code § 5.221-§ 5.224, and in particular, § 5.222(d) which provides, in part:

(d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for a useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto.

(1) The preparation must include submission of a prehearing memorandum and list:

- (i) The presently identified issues.
- (ii) The names and addresses of the witnesses.
- (iii) The proposed area of testimony of each witness.

(2) The preparation may include:

- (i) Development of a proposed procedural schedule.
- (ii) Advance study of all relevant materials.

(iii) Advance informal communication between the parties, including requests for additional data and

information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.

(Emphasis added.)

4. Parties should review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa.Code §5.331(b), which provides, *inter alia*, that “a party shall endeavor to initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa.Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. All parties are urged to cooperate in discovery, and advise us at the prehearing conference as to discovery problems which have not been resolved. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.372.

5. Pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §§ 1.21 & 1.22, if you are an individual, you may represent yourself or you may be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must be represented in this proceeding by an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall insure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa.Code § 1.24(b).

6. Failure of a party to attend the prehearing conference without good cause shown shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the prehearing conference, including, but not limited to, any special discovery rules and the litigation schedule established for this case. 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.222(e) & 5.224.

7. **You must serve the presiding Administrative Law Judges directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding.** If you send the undersigned any correspondence or document, you must send a copy to all other parties. For your convenience, a

copy of the Commission's current service list of the parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order. All filings and pre-served testimony should be emailed to the presiding Administrative Law Judges in PDF and native formats (Word and Excel). **No later than March 17, 2026**, FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company is directed to email the presiding Administrative Law Judges a Word or Excel versions of its February 3, 2026 filing.

Date: February 19, 2026

/s/
Mark A. Hoyer
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Erin L. Gannon
Administrative Law Judge

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