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March 9, 2026

Docket No.: M-2026-3060807
Utility Code: 110050

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RE: Request for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes.

Dear Mr. Anderson

On March 2, 2026, Citizens' Electric Company (Citizens') filed a request for exclusion of major outage for reliability reporting purposes (Exclusion Request) in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Order entered May 11, 2004, at M-00991220.

Citizens' stated that the Exclusion Request relates to service interruptions resulting from animal contact on the primary connection to a transformer. In the Exclusion Request, Citizens' stated that on February 26, 2026, at 07:42 hours a squirrel contacted the primary connection of a transformer causing the circuit breaker to trip to lockout and interrupt 1,494 customers, out of a total of 7,260 customers served. Citizens' noted that the affected circuit breaker had been placed on hot line tag 15 minutes prior to the animal contact at the request of a PPL Electric Utilities Corporation transmission crew, for work that was being done in proximity to Citizens' distribution system at a separate location on the same feeder.¹ This abnormal configuration allowed the circuit breaker to trip to lockout. Three utility workers were specifically assigned to the repair work. Citizens' stated that the crew patrolled all three-phase and single-phase taps to find the blown fuse and animal and then the circuit breaker was re-energized restoring 1,482 customers within the first hour. Final repairs were made where the fault occurred and the remaining 12 customers were put back in service at 11:42 hours, exactly four hours after the initial interruption. Citizens' stated the event caused service interruptions from February 26, 2026, at 07:42 hours to February 26, 2026, at 11:42 hours. The incident resulted in a total of 88,838 Customer-Minutes-Interrupted.

Upon review of the company's Exclusion Request, it appears that the service interruptions described by Citizens' qualify as a major event, as defined in 52 Pa. Code § 57.192(i)(A). Therefore, the request for exclusion of service interruptions for reporting purposes is hereby

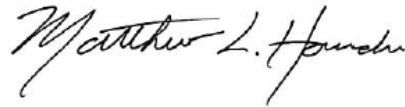
¹ A "Hot Line Tag" is a safety device that can interrupt service at low amperage draws and prevents automatic reclosing of the circuit breaker after a fault.

approved. However, the Commission's approval is contingent upon the possibility that subsequent audits, reviews, and inquiry, in any Commission proceeding, may be conducted, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.197 (relating to Reliability investigations and enforcement).

In addition, this approval will apply only to the matter and parties specifically and clearly defined under this instant filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §5.44, file a petition with the Commission within 10 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Clinton McKinley, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, at cmckinley@pa.gov, or (717) 783-6161.

Sincerely,

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

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

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