

March 9, 2026

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PA Public Utility Commission
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**Re: Docket No. F-2025-3056536
Larry Hackney v. PECO Energy Company
Reply Exceptions of PECO**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

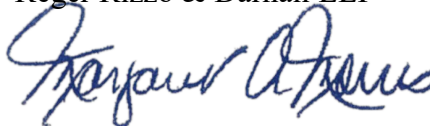
Attached for filing is the Reply of PECO Energy Company to the Exceptions filed by Larry Hackney in the above referenced proceeding.

A copy of the Reply Exceptions has been provided to the Complainant in the manner indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Reger Rizzo & Darnall LLP



Margaret A. Morris

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Enclosures

cc: The Hon. F. Joseph Brady, PA Public Utility Commission [w/encls.]
Office of Special Assistants, PA Public Utility Commission [w/encls.]
Anthony Gay, Esquire, PECO Energy Company [w/encls.]
Larry Hackney [w/encls.]

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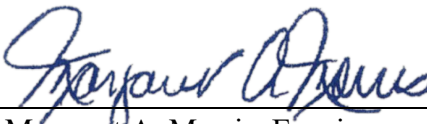
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served upon the following person(s), in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

Via First-Class Mail

Larry Hackney
5529 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Dated: March 9, 2026



Margaret A. Morris, Esquire

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

LARRY HACKNEY	:	
	:	
v.	:	Docket No. F-2025-3056536
	:	
PECO ENERGY COMPANY	:	

**REPLY EXCEPTIONS OF PECO ENERGY COMPANY
TO THE EXCEPTIONS OF LARRY HACKNEY**

March 9, 2026

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I. Introduction

In accordance with the Commission’s directive¹ and Section 5.535 of the Commission’s Regulation,² PECO Energy Company, (PECO or Company), submits its Reply to the Exceptions of Larry Hackney (Complainant), which supports the adoption of the Initial Decision, without modification, of the Honorable F. Joseph Brady (Judge Brady). The Commission should deny the Exceptions, affirm the Initial Decision in its entirety and sustain the dismissal of the Complaint. The findings of facts and conclusions of law set forth in the well-reasoned Initial Decision are based on the record evidence and sustain the dismissal of the Formal Complaint.

II. Procedural Background

On July 28, 2025, the Complainant filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). The Complainant checked every box under “Reason for Complaint” on the formal complaint form and included several pages of a handwritten narrative along with the following supporting documentation: a portion of select monthly bills, select 10-day notices, a photo and a Utility Report. The Complainant’s handwriting in several instances is undecipherable and the allegations against PECO are not clear or understandable.

On August 18, 2025, PECO filed an Answer to the Complaint. In its Answer, PECO admitted in part, and denied in part, various material allegations of the Complaint. Specifically, PECO admitted that it provides residential electric service in Complainant’s name to 5529 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Service Address) and it issued a termination notice for delinquent undisputed charges. PECO denied that there are incorrect charges or a reliability, safety or quality problem with the electric service provided to the Service Address.

On August 20, 2025, the Commission issued a *Hearing Notice* scheduling the matter for a Call-In Telephonic Hearing on October 28, 2025, before Judge Brady. On August 22, 2025, Judge Brady issued a *Prehearing Order* outlining the relevant procedural rules

¹ The Exceptions did not contain the required certificate of service. In order to avoid prejudice to any party, the Commission provided PECO until March 9, 2026, to file Reply Exceptions.

² 52 Pa. Code § 5.535.

governing the proceeding. On September 30, 2025, the Commission issued a *Hearing Reschedule Notice* rescheduling the matter for October 27, 2025

The telephonic hearing was held on October 27, 2025, as scheduled. Prior to the taking of evidence, Judge Brady attempted to hold a Prehearing Conference so that the allegations against PECO could be clarified. The Complainant would not engage in any discussion but interrupted and rather talked over Judge Brady. As a result, the Prehearing was concluded and the Hearing began. The Initial Decision was issued on January 14, 2026. On February 6, 2026, the Complainant filed Exceptions.

III. Initial Decision

Judge Brady, based on the record, stated in the following:

In this case, the Complainant checked every box under “Reason for Complaint” in the Complaint. Complaint ¶ 4. The Complaint also included several pages of a handwritten narrative. However, Complainant’s handwriting in several instances is undecipherable and the allegations against PECO are not clear or understandable. Thus, prior to going on the record at the October 28, 2025 hearing, I attempted to hold a prehearing conference in order to try and establish the reason for Mr. Hackney’s complaint. Unfortunately, Mr. Hackney did not appear interested in engaging in any dialogue and would just speak over me any time I tried to speak. As a result, I concluded the prehearing conference and went on the record. As the transcript demonstrates from the very beginning, Mr. Hackney continued to interrupt and speak over me. Tr. 5-7. As I attempted to continue the hearing, it became impossible to stop Mr. Hackney from speaking. Tr. 11-12. In order to have a clear record and speak with Counsel for PECO, I was forced to mute Mr. Hackney. Tr. 12-13. Upon unmuting Mr. Hackney, he continued to interrupt and speak over me. Tr. 13-14. I gave Mr. Hackney the option of changing this telephone hearing into an in-person hearing, but Mr. Hackney declined. Tr. 15. Mr. Hackney was given the opportunity to present his case, and in doing so, began to testify to hearsay to which Ms. Morris objected. Tr. 21. This led to another exchange wherein Mr. Hackney continued to interrupt and talk over me until I had to mute him a second time in order to state something on the record. Tr. 23. Upon being unmuted, Mr. Hackney once again continued to interrupt, talk over me, and offer nonsensical testimony that

culminated in me having to mute him for the remainder of the hearing. Tr. 23-31.

Here, it is clear that despite several warnings, Mr. Hackney obstructed the orderly conduct of the proceeding in a way that was inimical to the public interest and failed to comply with Commission procedures. Mr. Hackney persistently interrupted the presiding officer throughout the hearing and refused to stop speaking when instructed to do so. Mr. Hackney was given several opportunities to conform his behavior but failed to do so. Finally, as in Finberg and Nippes, Mr. Hackney's behavior fell far below a respectful and orderly standard. Accordingly, I am constrained to dismiss his Complaint.

Initial Decision at PP.5-6.

IV. DISCUSSION

The Complainant's Exceptions consists of 3 handwritten pages. As with the Formal Complaint, the Complainant's handwriting is mostly undecipherable and the allegations are not understandable. The Company is unable to ascertain several words/sentences. The Exceptions appear mostly unrelated to the PECO. The Exceptions reference PGW, "Water" and requests more time to go to the Court of Common Pleas. Only the first paragraph appears related to the Complainant's disagreement with the Initial Decision. He stated that if he said anything, Judge Brady would stop and he would be escorted out. He concludes with "Hitler remind's you [sic] they don't make mistakes...so any interruptions your [sic] out..."

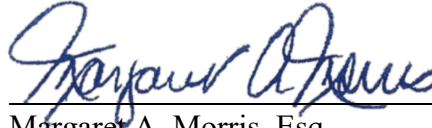
The Exceptions are further proof of the Complainant's non-responsive erratic behavior. His conduct at the scheduled hearing made it impossible for Judge Brady to conduct the proceedings. The Complainant was given numerous opportunity to conform his behavior but chose to continue to disrupt the hearing. His conduct prevented a fair and orderly litigation.

V. Conclusion

The Exceptions are without merit. The record evidence supports the finding that the Complainant's behavior obstructed the orderly conduct of the hearing and was inimical to the public interest.

For the reasons set forth above, PECO Energy Company respectfully requests that the Commission adopt, without modification, the Initial Decision of the Honorable F. Joseph Brady and dismiss the Formal Complaint of Larry Hackney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Margaret A. Morris", is written over a horizontal line.

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