

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

Public Meeting held March 26, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Letter of Notification of Mid-Atlantic Interstate
Transmission, LLC for approval to construct the
Farmers Valley – Ridgway 115 kV
Interconnection Project in Sergeant Township,
McKean County, Pennsylvania

Docket Number:
A-2026-3060524

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 17, 2026, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (MAIT), Utility Code 1117780, filed a Letter of Notification pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(iii) and (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.

MAIT requests approval to construct the Farmers Valley – Ridgway 115 kV Interconnection Project in Sergeant Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. MAIT states that the subject project consists of constructing a 115 kV transmission line loop from the existing Farmers Valley – Ridgway transmission line into the proposed Five Mile Run Substation to be constructed by Clermont Solar LLC (Clermont Solar). MAIT further states that to construct the transmission line loop it will install two segments of line and that each segment includes a section of above ground transmission line approximately 18 feet in length and a section of underground transmission line approximately 330 feet in length. Application, page 1 and MAIT Data Request Response No. 9.

MAIT states that the Farmers Valley – Ridgway project is needed to provide 115 kV electrical service to a solar photovoltaic generation plant proposed by Clermont Solar. MAIT also states that according to the interconnection service agreement the solar generation plant will have 61.9 MW of capacity interconnection rights. MAIT further states that the additional generation that the Farmers Valley – Ridgway line will support was evaluated by PJM Interconnection, LLC and that the 115 kV loop and interconnection substation were assigned network upgrade identification number n8187.1. Application ¶7 and MAIT Data Request Response No. 5.

MAIT submits that construction of the subject project will include the installation of new copper 1/C 3000 kcmil cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) underground lines and 636 kcmil 24/7 “Rook” aluminum conductor steel reinforced (ACSR) lines to be supported on four new transmission structures. MAIT also submits that the new structures will range from approximately 50 feet in height to approximately 95 feet in height and that nearby

existing structures range from approximately 55 feet in height to approximately 85 feet in height. MAIT further submits that the subject project has been designed and will be built entirely within existing right-of-way and land developed by Clermont Solar and that all necessary easements and rights have been acquired. Finally, MAIT submits that the existing right-of-way is approximately 100 feet-in-width and that the new right-of-way is approximately 177 feet in width. Application ¶¶15 & 17-18 and MAIT Data Request Response Nos. 6 & 7.

MAIT asserts that the Farmers Valley – Ridgway project will be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in a manner that meets or surpasses all applicable MAIT and National Electrical Safety Code minimum standards and all applicable legal requirements. Application ¶22.

MAIT submits that the total estimated cost for the transmission line associated with the Farmers Valley – Ridgway project is approximately \$14,922,000 and that these costs will be paid for by Clermont Solar. MAIT further submits that upon completion of the subject project MAIT will own, operate, and maintain the subject transmission line loop and Five Mile Run Substation. Finally, MAIT submits that construction of the project is anticipated to commence in April 2026, with a proposed in-service date of June 2026. Application ¶19 and page 2.

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).

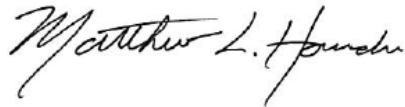
We agree with MAIT that the formal MAIT Letter of Notification and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(1)(iii) and (vi) because the Farmers Valley – Ridgway 115 kV Interconnection Project will be constructed entirely on the property of the requesting customer and on existing right-of-way in such a manner that the right-of-way is not substantially altered. Additionally, the transmission lines to be constructed by the subject project are 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 Letter of Notification of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC for approval to construct the Farmers Valley – Ridgway 115 kV Interconnection Project in Sergeant Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.
2. That upon completion of the subject project, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC shall file the final project cost with the Commission.
3. That upon completion of Ordering Paragraph 2, this proceeding at Docket No. A-2026-3060524 be closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

ORDER ADOPTED: March 26, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: March 26, 2026