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April 9, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Letter of Notification of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, For Approval to Reconstruct the Ashtabula – Erie West 345 kV Transmission Line in Erie County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2026-3061481**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed please find the responses of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (“MAIT”) to the Data Requests issued by the Bureau of Technical Utility Services (“TUS”), Set I, on April 3, 2026, in the above-referenced matter.

MAIT’s responses to these data requests include the following **CONFIDENTIAL** and **PROPRIETARY** attachments:

- **CONFIDENTIAL** Attachment 1
- **CONFIDENTIAL** Attachment 2
- **CONFIDENTIAL** Attachment 4

These attachments contain **CONFIDENTIAL** and **PROPRIETARY** information, and are being filed separately with the Commission via ShareFile.

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF PROPRIETY INFORMATION**

The Attachments noted above are marked “**CONFIDENTIAL**” because they contain sensitive information. MAIT requests that the copies of the material that have been labeled “**CONFIDENTIAL**” be given confidential treatment by the Commission, including its various offices and bureaus. That is, MAIT requests that the confidential material be excluded from the Commission’s public document folder and that the confidential copy not be disclosed to the public.

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If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the address or telephone number provided above.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M E Rulli', written in a cursive style.

Megan E. Rulli
Associate

MER/sll
Enclosure

cc: Jordan Van Order, Bureau of Technical Utility Services (*via email; jvanorder@pa.gov*)

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QUESTION A-1

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 13. Please provide a copy of the 2019 assessment.

RESPONSE:

Please see **CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 1** for the 2019 assessment. Please note that the inspection was conducted in late 2018, with the final report issued in 2019.

Attachment 1

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QUESTION A-2:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 15. Please provide a copy of the 2021 inspection report.

RESPONSE:

Please see **CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 2** for the 2020 inspection report. Please note that the inspection was performed in 2020, not 2021 as stated in the Letter of Notification.

Attachment 2

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QUESTION A-3:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 18. Please provide a photo of a hinged base transmission structure.

RESPONSE:

Please see **Attachment 3** for photographs of a hinged based transmission structure.

Attachment 3



Tower #15
Tobacco

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QUESTION A-4:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 20. Please explain the significance of aluminum oxide residue.

RESPONSE:

An increase of aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3) layers on a transmission conductor signifies a transition from a healthy, unified conductor to a high-resistance, thermally stressed system. While a thin, natural oxide layer protects against corrosion, an increased buildup (often caused by environmental pollutants or aging) acts as an electrical insulator between the individual strands. One sign of this issue is the presence of inter-strand arcing damage, which was noted in the conductor sample.

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QUESTION A-5:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 20. Please provide a copy of the lab testing results.

RESPONSE:

Please see **CONFIDENTIAL Attachment 4** for the lab testing report.

Attachment 4

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QUESTION A-6:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 22. Please provide information regarding any unplanned outages on the subject transmission facilities over the previous 5 years, including the duration, cause, whether service to customers was interrupted by outages on the subject line, and if so, the number of customers that were impacted.

RESPONSE:

There has been one unplanned outage on the subject transmission facilities over the previous five years. The outage lasted 6.68 hours and the cause was foreign interference. No customers were impacted by the outage.

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QUESTION A-8:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 26. Please provide the rating of the existing Ashtabula – Erie West transmission line and the rating of the proposed rating of the rebuilt line.

RESPONSE:

The existing ratings of the Ashtabula-Erie West 345 kV Transmission line are 1370 MVA SN / 1720 MVA SE / 1719 MVA WN / 2064 MVA WE.

After the proposed solution, the ratings will be 1518 MVA SN / 1849 MVA SE / 1719 MVA WN / 2192 MVA WE.

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QUESTION A-9:

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 28. Please confirm the dollar amount for construction is \$37,084,000.

RESPONSE:

The transmission line construction cost is currently estimated at \$37,084,000.

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**LETTER OF NOTIFICATION OF :
MID-ATLANTIC INTERSTATE :
TRANSMISSION, LLC FOR :
APPROVAL OF THE ASHTABULA- :
ERIE WEST 345 KILOVOLT : Docket No. A-2026-3061481
TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD :
PROJECT IN SPRINGFIELD AND :
CONNEAUT TOWNSHIPS, ERIE :
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. :**

VERIFICATION

I, Michael DeSarro, state that I am a Transmission Specialist for FirstEnergy Service Company; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC; and that the facts set forth in the Letter of Notification are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).



Date: April 9, 2026

Michael DeSarro