

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

NICHOLAS POCIASK,

Complainant,

v.

FIRSTENERGY PENNSYLVANIA
ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Respondent.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

/s/ Samantha K. Smith
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Docket No. C-2026-3061165

ANSWER TO NEW MATTER

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AND NOW comes Complainant, Nicholas Pociask (“Complainant”), by and through his undersigned counsel, Morella Bencsics, and hereby files the following Answer to New Matter of Respondent, FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (“Respondent”), and in support thereof avers as follows:

New Matter

12. The allegations contained in this paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations are specifically denied.

13. The allegations contained in this paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations are specifically denied.

14. The allegations contained in this paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations are specifically denied.

15. The corresponding paragraph does not require an answer. However, Claimant consents to Respondent’s request for this matter to be referred to mediation.

16. Claimant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

truth of the averments contained in this paragraph.

WHEREFORE, Claimant, Nicholas Pociask, respectfully requests that judgment be entered against Respondent, FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company. In the alternative, Claimant requests that this matter be referred to the Office of the Administrative Law Judge's Mediation Unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Morella Bencsics

Date: April 28, 2026

By: /s/ Samantha K. Smith
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Counsel for Claimant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached *Answer to New Matter* was served on this 28th day of April 2026, via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and/or Electronic Mail, upon the following:

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