

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Edward Koprowicz	:	
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v.	:	C-2026-3060775
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FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Co.	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING FIRSTENERGY’S MOTION TO FILE ANSWER NUNC PRO TUNC
AND REFERRING COMPLAINT TO MEDIATION REVIEW**

On February 27, 2026, Edward Koprowicz (Complainant or Mr. Koprowicz) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (Respondent or FirstEnergy) alleging he was having issues with blinking lights and appliances not working correctly or to their full potential, caused by electricity coming into his house at inconsistent voltages. Complaint ¶ 4. Mr. Koprowicz says that it took four weeks for FirstEnergy to come out and investigate. *Id.* For relief, the Complainant requests reimbursement for the electrician who helped them identify the voltage problem and the clothes dryer and microwave that had to be replaced.

On February 27, 2026, the Commission served a copy of the Complaint on the Respondent. A response in the form of an answer or pleading was due from FirstEnergy on or before Thursday, March 19, 2026.

On March 20, 2026, the Respondent filed an Answer in which FirstEnergy admitted it provided residential electric service to the Complainant’s address in Dallastown, Pennsylvania. Answer ¶ 1. FirstEnergy stated that it lacks sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the allegations in the Complaint and denies them. Answer ¶ 4. The Respondent also denies any allegations in the requested relief (Answer ¶ 5) and asked for the Complaint to be dismissed with prejudice or, in the alternative, set the matter for mediation.

Also on March 20, 2026, the Respondent filed the Motion of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company to File Answer *Nunc Pro Tunc* (Motion *Nunc Pro Tunc*). The Respondent acknowledged it filed the Answer one day after the due date for filing its pleading. Answer ¶¶ 2-3. FirstEnergy asserted the late filing occurred due to an administrative oversight but the delay does not affect the substantive rights of the Complainant. Answer ¶ 3. The Respondent requested the Answer be accepted for filing, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.2 and consistent with the holding of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in *Information Connections, Inc. v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n*, 630 A.2d 498 (Pa. Cmwlth 1993). FirstEnergy also requested that the Complaint be decided on the merits.

The Commission's rules provide that a party has twenty days from the date of service within which to answer or object to motion. 52 Pa Code § 5.103(c). Therefore, Complainant had until April 9, 2026 to file an answer or objection to FirstEnergy's Motion *Nunc Pro Tunc*. The Complainant has filed no response.

Discussion

On its face, the filing of the Answer one day late does not delay the proceeding. Nor does the filing of the Motion *Nunc Pro Tunc* on the same day as the Answer. It is assumed Complainant did not respond to the Motion *Nunc Pro Tunc*, because he does not have a due process concern or any concern the delay of one day is a detriment to his presentation of his case. While an administrative error at Respondent's offices is not a sufficient reason to excuse a late filing, here the filing of the Answer by one day does not compromise or adversely affect Complainant's due process rights.

In addition, the Respondent requested in its Answer that this matter be referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge's Mediation Unit.

Accordingly, there appears to be no cause or reason to deny the Motion *Nunc Pro Tunc* or the Respondent's mediation request. Having received no objection from the Complainant, the Motion *Nunc Pro Tunc* of Respondent will be granted in the Ordering Paragraph below, and this matter will be referred to the Mediation Unit.

If this matter is not resolved in mediation and proceeds to an evidentiary hearing, the Complainant will bear the burden to present substantial evidence that FirstEnergy violated a statute which the Commission has jurisdiction to administer, a tariff provision, or a regulation or order of the Commission. 52 Pa. Code § 5.21(a). If the Commission finds that the Respondent did violate a statute, regulation, order, or tariff provision, per Commission regulations, the Commission may impose a fine, but that fine would be payable to the Commission, not the Complainant. Regarding other forms of relief, the Complainant will bear the burden of proving he is entitled to it, and the Commission has the authority to grant it.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company to File *Answer Nunc Pro Tunc* is granted.
2. That the Complaint filed by Edward Koprowicz versus FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company at Docket No. C-2026-3060775 will be referred to the mediation unit in the Office of Administrative Law Judge for further review.
3. That the Complaint shall be scheduled for an initial hearing if the parties are unsuccessful in resolving the matter with the aid of the Commission's Mediation Unit.

Date: May 11, 2026

_____/s/
Erin L. Gannon
Administrative Law Judge

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