

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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| Timothy Guiner and Valerie Patterson | : | C-2024-3050663 |
| Jesse Darlington | : | C-2024-3050779 |
| Matthew Rooke | : | C-2024-3050912 |
| Heather Sekiguchi | : | C-2024-3050923 |
| Marc Blucas | : | C-2024-3050949 |
| Kathleen Ronning | : | C-2024-3050975 |
| Charles Brickman | : | C-2024-3050976 |
| Carol Spiewak | : | C-2024-3050985 |
| Matthew and Elizabeth Kurteson | : | C-2024-3051002 |
| Patricia Scheller | : | C-2026-3061879 |
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| v. | : | |
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| PECO Energy Company | : | |

ORDER
FURTHER CONSOLIDATING PROCEEDINGS AND
REFERRING DOCKET NO. C-2026-3061879 FOR MEDIATION REVIEW

This Order consolidates the Formal Complaint of Patricia Scheller at Docket No. C-2026-3061879 with Docket Nos. C-2024-3050663, C-2024-3050779, C-2024-3050912, C-2024-3050923, C-2024-3050949, C-2024-3050975, C-2024-3050976, C-2024-3050985, and C-2024-3051002, and refers Ms. Scheller's Complaint for mediation review.

On April 20, 2026, Patricia Scheller (Ms. Scheller or Complainant) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against PECO Energy Company (PECO). Ms. Scheller's service address is in Solebury, Pennsylvania. In her Complaint, Ms. Scheller states that she is having a reliability, safety or quality problem with her utility service. Specifically, Ms. Scheller states she has suffered numerous catastrophic power surges and outages during the 40 years she has lived at her residence. Ms. Scheller avers numerous hardships caused by the outages, including the need for property replacements and modifications, property damage, repairs, out-of-pocket expenses, and loss of time. As relief,

Complainant requests that PECO pay for repairs, replacement items and insurance deductibles. Ms. Scheller additionally requests that PECO conduct a safety inspection of the writing in her home to ensure it was not damaged by the repeated surges.

On May 11, 2026, PECO filed an Answer to the Formal Complaint. PECO denies there is a reliability, safety or quality problem with Ms. Scheller's electric service. PECO states that Ms. Scheller's service address is served by the Solebury Circuit-001 which runs through heavily wooded areas. PECO denies Complainant is entitled to the relief requested, i.e., compensation for damages.

The Commission's regulations pertaining to consolidation appear at 52 Pa. Code § 5.81, and state in relevant part:

§ 5.81. Consolidation.

(a) The Commission or presiding officer, with or without motion, may order proceedings involving a common question of law or fact to be consolidated. The Commission or presiding officer may make orders concerning the conduct of the proceeding as may avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

On November 19, 2024, I issued an Order consolidating the complaint proceedings at C-2024-3050663, C-2024-3050779, C-2024-3050912, C-2024-3050923, C-2024-3050949, C-2024-3050975, C-2024-3050976, C-2024-3050979,¹ C-2024-3050985, and C-2024-3051002. The November 19, 2024 Order was issued upon motion by PECO, where PECO averred that consolidation is appropriate because each complaint relates to the reliability and property damage experienced as a result of electrical surges involving the same circuit in Solebury Township. PECO also averred that complainants request similar relief, e.g., Complainants request that PECO improve its reliability in their area, Solebury Township.

¹ The Formal Complaint of Erin Durnin at Docket No. C-2024-3050979 is no longer included in the caption of this proceeding as her Formal Complaint has been marked closed pursuant to the filing of a Certificate of Satisfaction by PECO on January 31, 2025.

Although PECO has not requested consolidation of Ms. Scheller's Complaint with the already-consolidated proceedings, I will *sua sponte* consolidate Ms. Scheller's Complaint with the other proceedings. Ms. Scheller's Complaint concerns a common question of law or fact that merit further consolidation of the above-captioned proceedings; specifically, whether PECO is providing adequate service to customers in proximity to each other who are in Solebury Township. Other considerations also favor consolidation of the above-captioned proceedings. From review of the pleadings, it does not appear that Ms. Scheller will present additional issues that would cloud determination of the common issues. Consolidation will very likely result in some reduced costs for the parties and the Commission if the formal complaints are considered together, e.g., there will likely only be a single evidentiary hearing, rather than separate evidentiary hearings. As explained above, the above-captioned proceedings do present a common issue of law and fact, and therefore, the issues in one proceeding go to the heart of an issue in the other proceedings, do not involve different statutory and legal issues, and the supporting data in both proceedings is likely to be repetitive. In all proceedings, complainants carry the burden of proof to show by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent has violated the Public Utility Code, a Commission order or regulation or a Commission-approved tariff. Therefore, after reviewing the above considerations, Ms. Scheller's Complaint will be *sua sponte* consolidated with the other proceedings.

In its answer, PECO requests that this matter be referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge's Mediation Unit. The Commission's mediation process is a flexible program designed to informally help parties resolve disputes. *See* 52 Pa. Code §§ 69.391-69.397. Therefore, before proceeding to a hearing, this case will be referred to the Commission's Mediation Unit for the Commission's mediation review process.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2026-3061879 is consolidated with the proceedings at Docket Nos. C-2024-3050663, C-2024-3050779, C-2024-3050912, C-2024-3050923, C-2024-3050949, C-2024-3050975, C-2024-3050976, C-2024-3050985, and C-2024-3051002.
2. That the proceeding at Docket No. C-2026-3061879 is referred to the Commission's Mediation Unit for the Commission's mediation review process.
3. That, in the event the parties are unable to resolve this matter with the assistance of a mediator, the remaining issues raised in the Formal Complaint filed by Patricia Scheller at Docket No. C-2026-3061879 over which the Commission has jurisdiction will proceed to a hearing.

Date: May 14, 2026

/s/
John M. Coogan
Administrative Law Judge

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