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May 20, 2026

Docket No.: M-2026-3062187
Utility Code: 1126015

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RE: FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company Request for Exclusion of Major
Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes at Docket No. M-2026-3062187

Dear Attorney Umstead:

On May 1, 2026, on behalf of its Penelec Rate District, FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FE PA) filed a request for exclusion of major outage (Exclusion Request) for reliability reporting purposes in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (Commission's) Order entered May 11, 2004, at M-00991220.

FE PA stated that the Exclusion Request relates to service interruptions resulting from an intense and widespread windstorm that began on March 13, 2026, with frequent and widespread gusts reaching 50-60 miles per hour with some 65-75 miles per hour observed gusts. FE PA also stated that on March 16, 2026, a second wave of strong storms with heavy precipitation and gusty winds moved through FE PA's service territory between 11:30 hours and 23:30 hours. FE PA reported maximum winds between 55-65 miles per hour were observed throughout the FE PA footprint. Rainfall amounts were generally 0.5-1 inches with some localized areas reporting 1.5-2 inches. FE PA indicated that the Erie, Oil City, Clearfield, Altoona, and Johnstown areas were the hardest hit. Approximately 56.3% of the total outages that occurred were tree-related and an additional 20.1% were wind related. In total, 144,736 customers out of the approximately 592,971 customers of FE PA's Penelec Rate District were affected. FE PA noted that 981 utility workers and others specifically assigned to repair work were dispatched. FE PA stated that the first customer service interruption occurred at approximately 10:41 hours on March 13, 2026, and that service was restored to the last affected customer at 18:42 hours on March 18, 2026. The incident resulted in a total of 39,472,818 Customer-Minutes-Interrupted.

Upon review of the company's filing, it appears that the service interruptions described by FE PA qualify as a major event, as defined in 52 Pa. Code § 57.192(i)(A). Therefore, the request for exclusion of service interruptions for reporting purposes is hereby approved. However, the Commission's approval is contingent upon the possibility that subsequent audits, reviews, and inquiry, in any Commission proceeding, may be conducted, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.197 (relating to Reliability investigations and enforcement).

In addition, this approval will apply only to the matter and parties specifically and clearly defined under this instant filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §5.44, file a petition with the Commission within 10 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Clinton McKinley, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, at cmckinley@pa.gov, or (717) 783-6161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew L. Homsher".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

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