

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Periodic Review of  
Pike County Light & Power's  
Long Term Infrastructure  
Improvement Plans**

**Public Meeting held May 21, 2026  
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Docket No. M-2024-3050192  
M-2024-3050193**

**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN STEPHEN M. DeFRANK**

Before the Commission is the periodic review of Pike County Light & Power Company's (Pike County or the Company) Long Term Infrastructure Improvement Plans (LTIIPs) for both its electric and natural gas operations. Our review of each LTIIP has unveiled concerns that the Company should address via modified or new LTIIP filings.

Pike County's gas operations LTIIP included planned total expenditure of \$5.1 million over its first seven years. The Commission's review indicates actual expenditure of \$6.7 million, approximately 31% above the approved plan. As well, the Commission's review of Company's electric operations LTIIP uncovers a trend where the expenditures exhibited in the Annual Asset Optimization Plans significantly deviated from the actual figures reported pursuant to this period review.

All utilities with LTIIPs should strive toward the most efficient deployment of capital as possible consistent with their Commission approved LTIIP. To the extent a utility faces adverse issues when carrying out its plans, whether it involves labor, capital expenditures, inventory management, or other areas, the Commission has established processes for utilities to modify LTIIPs. Such modifications and reforms are often necessary in order to facilitate plans that evenly distribute workloads and capital expenditures.

Pike County's LTIIPs are working to improve service through the reduction of at-risk natural gas mains and the improvement in electric reliability. Nonetheless, the Commission's review indicates that the Company must make revisions to instill more rigid budgetary controls. LTIIPs provide the Commission, and more importantly, the public, the ability to gauge the effectiveness of utility planning and operations. However, the extent of deviation between planned and actual expenditures makes such review exceedingly difficult.

Therefore, it is appropriate for the Company to modify or renew its LTIIPs to address these concerns. I encourage Pike County to consider means to help rein in cost overruns, including more targeted investments and remediation of key infrastructure that manifests significant increases in safety, reliability, and resiliency.

**May 21, 2026**  
**Date**

  
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**Stephen M. DeFrank**  
**Chairman**