

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

Public Meeting held June 4, 2026

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman  
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair  
Kathryn L. Zerfuss  
John F. Coleman, Jr.  
Ralph V. Yanora

Petition of Pike County Light & Power  
Company to Modify Default Service  
Plan for the Period June 1, 2024,  
through May 31, 2027

Docket Number:  
P-2023-3039927

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On January 30, 2026, Pike County Light & Power Company (Pike or Company), Utility Code 110650, filed a Petition to Modify its currently approved Default Service Plan (DSP or plan). Pike specifically requests approval to modify its default procurement source, approval of a new transportation agreement with Orange and Rockland Utilities (Orange and Rockland), and the modification of seven previously Commission-approved waivers for the remainder of its 2024–2027 Default Service Plan.

Pike served the Petition on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (Commission) Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the New York Independent System

Operator (NYISO), and all parties of record in the underlying proceeding at Docket No. P-2023-3039927. Notice of the filing of this Petition was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 7, 2026. No answers or comments were filed, and no hearings were held. For the reasons expressed in this Order, the Commission approves this Petition consistent with this Order.

### **Modification of Default Procurement Source and Transportation Agreement**

Pike filed this Petition seeking approval to modify its default service procurement source for its currently approved 2024-2027 DSP for the remaining period of September 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027. Due to the impending August 31, 2026, expiration of Pike's existing Electric Supply Agreement II<sup>1</sup> with Orange and Rockland, Pike seeks approval to obtain its supply from a third party utilizing a competitive bid process.

Pike states that its current Electric Supply Agreement II (ESA II) with Orange and Rockland expires on August 31, 2026. Orange and Rockland have no continuing contractual obligation to procure electric supply on Pike's behalf beyond August 31, 2026, and intends to discontinue its role as Pike's electric supply procurement provider upon expiration of the current ESA II. The arrangement was originally intended to serve as a transitional service following Pike's acquisition by Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation in 2016 but continued through multiple contract extensions over approximately ten years. Pike submits that it has exercised all available extension options under the current agreement, and no additional extension rights remain available.

Pike will solicit bids for electric supply for all of its default service customers. The supply will consist of 100% NYISO Zone G Day Ahead priced energy with all other supply costs on a pass-through basis delivered to an Orange and Rockland delivery point.

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<sup>1</sup> At Docket No. P-2021-3025829.

Pike will require that bidders certify that the bidder is: (1) a qualified market buyer and seller of electricity in good standing with NYISO; (2) positioned to obtain and deliver electric generation supplies in NYISO; (3) compliant with all applicable NYISO requirements; and (4) authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to sell and procure energy, capacity, and ancillary services at market-based rates.

Though Orange and Rockland no longer desires to procure electric power for Pike, under a proposed arrangement, Orange and Rockland would continue to provide only transmission and delivery service by transporting electric power to Pike's electric distribution system at the New York and Pennsylvania border interconnection point. Pike states that Orange and Rockland is willing to continue providing transportation service for electricity delivered to Pike, subject to the execution of a new agreement. On March 19, 2026, Pike filed an executed Electric Delivery Service Agreement<sup>2</sup> with Orange and Rockland, effective upon Commission approval. The Electric Delivery Service Agreement would remain in effect through January 31, 2031. Pike states that the approximately five-year term of the contract was selected because a five-year period represents a standard planning horizon for the company and that it also considered the timing of its next default service plan and believes the contract's expiration date aligns appropriately with that schedule.

Pike proposes no other changes to its approved procurement and delivery strategy and intends to continue day-ahead market purchases and its existing hedging program pursuant to its approved 2024-2027 DSP.

We find that Pike has demonstrated good cause to modify its 2024-2027 Default Service Plan due to circumstances beyond its control. At the time the Commission approved Pike's DSP on December 7, 2023, Pike reasonably relied on the ESA II with

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<sup>2</sup> At Docket No. P-2023-3039927

Orange and Rockland for the supply and delivery of electricity. The proposed modifications that replace Orange and Rockland, as the supply provider, with a competitive bidder, while maintaining the existing procurement framework are approved. The use of a competitive bid solicitation process, overseen by an independent third-party, based solely on price and creditworthiness, is reasonable and consistent with Commission policy, and Pike's approved DSP.

Additionally, approval of the Electric Delivery Service Agreement with Orange and Rockland is reasonable and necessary, as Orange and Rockland remains the only feasible option to transport electric supply to Pike's system.

### **Modification of Commission-Approved Waivers**

The Commission's December 7, 2023 Order approving the settlement relating to Pike's Petition for Approval of a Default Service Plan and Waiver of Commission Regulations granted various waivers of Commission default service regulations and policy statements. Specifically, the Commission granted waivers of the following regulations and policy statements:

- a. 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(e)(2) (plan identifying the schedules and technical requirements of competitive bid solicitations and spot market energy purchases);
- b. 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(e)(6) (copies of agreements or forms to be used in the procurement of electric generation supply for default service customers);
- c. 52 Pa. Code § 69.1805(1)- 52 Pa. Code § 69.1805(3) (policy statement on inclusion of short-term and long-term contracts in procurement mix and tailoring procurement to customer classes); and
- d. 52 Pa. Code § 69.1807(3) (competitive bid solicitation process guidelines).

Pike states that its plan to change its procurement source makes it necessary for the company to request modification of its previously approved waivers. While Pike seeks continuation of the five previously granted waivers to the Commission's policy statements, it requests withdrawal of the waivers of the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(e)(2) and § 54.185(e)(6). Pike's decision to comply with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(e)(2) and (e)(6), and therefore withdraw the corresponding waivers, is supported by the competitive solicitation process and bid evaluation criteria documentation submitted with its Petition to modify its DSP. Pike states that continuation of five of the previously granted waivers of the Commission's policy statements continues to be appropriate because the procurement-mix and customer class solicitation requirements remain reasonable in light of Pike's unique position within the NYISO footprint, its small system size, and its limited procurement horizon. We agree with the reasons set forth by Pike and affirm the continuance of the five waivers previously granted as follows:

a. 52 Pa. Code § 69.1805(1)- 52 Pa. Code § 69.1805(3) (policy statement on inclusion of short-term and long-term contracts in procurement mix and tailoring procurement to customer classes); and

b. 52 Pa. Code § 69.1807(3) (competitive bid solicitation process guidelines).

For the reasons expressed above, Pike has demonstrated that the proposed modifications to its DSP, including the competitive solicitation process, bid selection criteria, and form agreements, are reasonable, consistent with the Commission's default service policies, and adequately protect default service customers. As such, Pike County Light & Power Company's Petition to Modify its 2024-2027 Default Service Plan for the remaining period of September 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027 is hereby approved. In addition, we approve the Electric Delivery Service Agreement with Orange and Rockland as being reasonable and necessary. Finally, we approve the continuation of the

previously granted waivers of our policy statement at 52 Pa. Code § 69.1805(1)-(3) and 52 Pa. Code § 69.1807(3); **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That Pike County Light & Power Company's Petition to Modify its currently approved Default Service Plan to obtain its electric supply from a third party utilizing a competitive bid process for the remaining period of September 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, is hereby approved.

2. That Pike County Light & Power Company's Electric Delivery Service Agreement with Orange and Rockland Utilities, for the period of September 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, is hereby approved.

3. That Pike County Light & Power Company's withdrawal of its request for two waivers of 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(e)(2) and (e)(6) is hereby approved.

4. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Pike County Light & Power Company, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the New York Independent System Operator, and all parties of record in the underlying proceeding at Docket No. P-2023-3039927.

5. That this proceeding at Docket No. P-2023-3039927 be marked closed.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: June 4, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: June 4, 2026