

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Pike County Light & Power	:	
Company for Approval of Default Service	:	
Plan for the Period of June 1, 2027 through	:	Docket Nos. P-2026-3062915
May 31, 2030, Advanced Metering	:	P-2026-3062916
Infrastructure Surcharge, and Waiver of	:	
Commission Regulations	:	

SCHEDULING ORDER

This order memorializes the procedural matters discussed and agreed upon by the parties attending the July 13, 2026 prehearing conference, including the litigation schedule.

HISTORY OF THE PROCEEDING

On June 1, 2026, Pike County Light & Power Company (Pike) filed a Petition seeking approval of its Default Service Plan (DSP) for the period June 1, 2027 through May 31, 2030, approval of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure surcharge, approval of revisions to its Supplier Tariff and electric distribution tariff, and certain waivers of Commission regulations governing default service procurement. Pike's proposed DSP plan was docketed by the Commission at No. P-2026-3062915 and its request for certain waivers was docketed at No. P-2026-3062916.

On June 9, 2026, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) issued a Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice, scheduling a prehearing conference for July 13, 2026, at 1:00 PM, and the undersigned Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) were assigned to preside over this matter.

On June 11, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed its Notice of Intervention and Public Statement.

On June 23, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a notice of appearance.

On July 2, 2026, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued, directing parties to file Prehearing Memoranda by July 9, 2026.

On July 7, 2026, the OSBA filed a notice of intervention.

On July 9, 2026, the parties submitted prehearing memoranda. Also on July 9, 2026, OCA filed an answer to the petition.

On July 13, 2026, the ALJs convened the telephonic prehearing conference as scheduled, at which the following parties participated: on behalf of Pike, Whitney E. Snyder, Esquire; and on behalf of the Office of Consumer Advocate, Crystal M. Zook, Esquire, Johnathan Longhurst, Esquire, and Joel H. Cheskis, Esquire.¹ During the conference, the parties agreed to all procedural issues raised including certain modifications of discovery deadlines and a litigation schedule. No party requested a public input hearing, but OCA agreed to advise the undersigned ALJs if it becomes aware of any public interest in this proceeding.

¹ Later that day and after the prehearing conference concluded, Counsel for the OSBA emailed the undersigned ALJs and explained he tried calling into the prehearing conference but had some technical difficulties connecting.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Petitions of Pike County Light & Power Company seeking approval of its Default Service Plan for the period June 1, 2027 through May 31, 2030, approval of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure surcharge, approval of revisions to its Supplier Tariff and electric distribution tariff, and certain waivers of Commission regulations governing default service procurement, at Docket Nos. P-2026-3062915 and Docket No. P-2026-3062916, are consolidated for purposes of litigation and disposition.

2. That the parties of record as of the date of this Prehearing Order are Pike County Light & Power Company, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business Advocate.

3. That the parties shall serve all documents and shall copy all other parties on documents they file with the Commission or serve on the ALJs. Parties shall serve the documents so that the documents are in-hand no later than 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed and may serve the documents via e-mail to meet this requirement. Parties shall not file testimony with the Commission but shall file a certificate of service. Further instructions for submittal of pre-served testimony and exhibits will be provided following the evidentiary hearing.

4. That the following schedule is adopted for this proceeding:

Other Parties' Direct Testimony	Friday, August 28, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony	Friday, September 25, 2026
Surrebuttal Testimony	Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Written Rejoinder Testimony	Friday, October 16, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing	Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Main Briefs	Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Reply Briefs	Wednesday, November 18, 2026

5. That the October 20, 2026 evidentiary hearing will be held in-person in Harrisburg and will commence at 10:00 a.m., as separately noticed. Parties will complete a cross-examination grid as directed.

6. That any evidentiary hearing in this matter constitutes a formal legal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, as well as the rules of evidence as applied to administrative hearings.

7. That written testimony shall comply with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 5.412 and shall be marked with numerical, sequential statement numbers.

8. That any motions with respect to, or objections to, written testimony must be presented in writing no later than five days prior to the day that the witness sponsoring that testimony is scheduled to testify. Answers to such motions or objections may be filed within five days or sooner if circumstances warrant. Oral motions, other than for good cause, shall not be accepted.

9. That all parties shall comply with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code § 5.243(e) which prohibits the introduction of evidence during rebuttal which should have been included in the party's case-in-chief or which substantially varies from the party's case-in-chief, unless the party is introducing evidence in support of a proposed settlement.

10. That discovery shall be conducted according to the Commission's rules and regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.321 *et seq*, subject to the following modifications, as of July 13, 2026:

A. Answers to written interrogatories and requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served in-hand within ten (10) calendar days of service.

B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories;

unresolved objections shall be served in writing to the propounding party within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.

C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within five (5) business days of service of written objections.

D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.

E. Requests for admissions will be deemed admitted unless answered within ten (10) calendar days or objected to within five (5) calendar days of service.

F. Answers to on-the-record data requests shall be served in-hand within five (5) calendar days of the requests.

G. Any discovery or discovery-related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day before a holiday will be deemed to have been served on the next business day for purposes of calculating the due date for any responsive filing.

After rebuttal is served, the deadlines are as follows:

A. Answers to interrogatories and responses to requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories or requests for production.

B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within two (2) calendar days of service; unresolved objections shall be served on the propounding party in writing within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.

C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of written objections.

D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall

be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.

E. Requests for admission shall be deemed admitted unless answered or objected to within three (3) calendar days of service.

F. Discovery requests and discovery related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day preceding a holiday shall be deemed to have been served on the next business day.

11. That the parties shall conduct discovery pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.321-5.373, as modified above. The parties are encouraged to cooperate and exchange information on an informal basis. The parties shall cooperate rather than engage in numerous or protracted discovery disagreements that require formal resolution. All motions to compel shall contain a certification by counsel setting forth the informal discovery undertaken and their efforts to resolve their discovery disputes informally. If a motion to compel does not contain this certification, the parties will be directed to pursue informal discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.372.

12. That the parties shall stipulate to any matters they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burden of time and expenses in litigation on all parties and conserve administrative hearing resources. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.232 and 5.234.

13. That the parties should do their best to avoid the use of **Confidential Security Information (CSI)**, as defined by 35 P.S. § 2141 *et seq.*, in this proceeding. Where possible, the parties should develop alternative means of introducing information into the record, such as joint stipulations or redaction when proposing testimony or exhibits. If the parties cannot avoid the use of CSI, the parties are to contact the ALJs in advance of any submission of such information, and prior to the evidentiary hearing.

14. That the parties are to confer amongst themselves to resolve all or some of the issues associated with this proceeding. The parties are reminded it is the Commission's

policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). The parties are strongly urged to seriously explore this possibility.

15. If a settlement is reached, a joint settlement petition executed by representatives of all parties to be bound thereby, together with: their substantive statements in support of settlement by all signatory parties; proposed findings of fact; proposed conclusions of law; and proposed ordering paragraphs, must be filed with the Secretary for the Commission and served on the ALJs by **November 18, 2026**, the Reply Brief due date.

16. That if a settlement is not reached, a briefing order with further instructions following the evidentiary hearing will be issued.

17. That the parties shall comply with the procedural rules and regulations discussed herein.

18. That any provision of this order may be modified upon motion and good cause shown by any party in interest in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.223(a).

Date: July 14, 2026

_____/s/
Gail M. Chiodo
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

_____/s/
Emily A. Farren
Administrative Law Judge

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THROUGH MAY 31, 2030, ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE
SURCHARGE, AND WAIVER OF COMMISSION REGULATIONS**

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