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Matthew Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
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Re: Petition of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company for Approval of Its Default
Service Program for the Period from June 1, 2027 to May 31, 2031
Docket No. P-2026-3060298

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Spark Energy, LLC ("Spark") submits this response solely to the request for expedited relief contained in the Preliminary Objections filed by the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania ("CAUSE-PA") on September 1, 2026. Spark intends to file a substantive response to CAUSE-PA's Preliminary Objections within the response period provided by 52 Pa. Code § 5.101 and reflected in CAUSE-PA's Notice to Plead.

CAUSE-PA nevertheless requests that oral argument be convened on September 3 or 4 and that Spark's Petition to Intervene be denied and its Exceptions struck before the September 8 deadline for Replies to Exceptions. Spark respectfully requests that no expedited ruling be entered before Spark has had the opportunity provided by the Commission's rules to respond.

CAUSE-PA's requested schedule would truncate not only Spark's time to respond to the Preliminary Objections, but also the procedural period governing Spark's Petition itself. Section 5.75(b) provides that the Commission or presiding officer will act on a petition to intervene "[a]s soon as practicable after the expiration of the time for filing answers to petitions" under Section 5.66. Spark's Petition provides the twenty-day response period prescribed by that rule. CAUSE-PA's request for disposition on September 3 or 4 would therefore seek resolution of Spark's Petition before expiration of the regulatory period for other parties to answer that Petition.

CAUSE-PA's own Notice to Plead advised the parties that a reply to its Preliminary Objections is due within ten days under 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(b). The request that the presiding officers convene argument on September 3 or 4, and deny the Petition and strike Spark's Exceptions before Spark or any other party has answered, is inconsistent with that notice, with Sections 5.66 and 5.75(b), and with basic notice to a service list of this size.

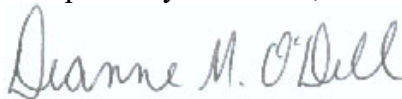
Expedition is also unnecessary to protect the existing schedule. Spark does not seek to reopen the record, take discovery, present witnesses, or extend any deadline fixed by the August 21, 2026 Secretarial Letter. Although Spark acknowledges that its request for intervention is subject to the post-hearing standard in 52 Pa. Code § 5.74(c), Spark's Exceptions were filed within the exceptions period established by the Commission's August 21, 2026 Secretarial Letter and are confined to legal argument on the existing, closed record. The Petition to Intervene can remain pending through the regulatory answer period. Spark's Exceptions can remain lodged for the Commission's consideration of the Recommended Decision without a mid-week ruling that either admits Spark as a party or strikes the papers from the file. Parties who elect to address Spark's legal arguments in Replies to Exceptions may do so subject to a reservation of their objections; they are not required to treat those papers as operative in order to preserve their rights.

Striking Exceptions is relief directed to what the Commission will consider on review of the Recommended Decision. That question should not be resolved on 48 hours' notice, before Spark has filed the answer CAUSE-PA's own notice invited, and before other parties have had the period Section 5.66 provides to answer the Petition to Intervene.

Spark further notes that its alternative request that the Commission accept and consider Spark's Exceptions presents a question distinct from whether formal intervention is granted under Section 5.74(c). Spark respectfully submits that the Commission should address that alternative request in connection with its review of the Recommended Decision.

Accordingly, Spark respectfully requests that CAUSE-PA's request for expedited oral argument and disposition be denied and that Spark be afforded the response period provided by 52 Pa. Code § 5.101 to file its substantive response to the Preliminary Objections. If the presiding officers nonetheless conclude that the request for expedition should be addressed before September 8, Spark requests that it be addressed on the papers, that Spark be permitted to file its substantive response to the Preliminary Objections by September 4, 2026, and that no argument or ruling be scheduled without reasonable prior notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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Honorable Erin L. Gannon (*via email*)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of Spark Energy's Letter in Response to CAUSE-PA's Request for Expedited Relief, upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54.

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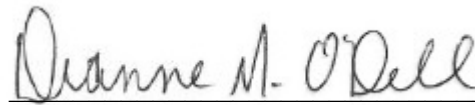
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