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Commissioners
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Docket No. M-2026-3059601

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pennsylvania Accelerated Transmission and Energy Redevelopment (PATER) Analysis Study Phase One analysis. My concern involves the inclusion of the former Barbadoes generating station on Barbadoes Island in West Norriton Township, located in my senatorial district, as one of the candidates for redevelopment.

I share West Norriton Township's objections to any further consideration of this site for large-scale redevelopment. As the Township indicated in its comments, the site is within the FEMA floodway. PECO's existing equipment already experienced flooding; its electrical infrastructure is being removed from the Island and relocated to higher ground outside the floodplain. Due to the flood-prone nature of the Island, PECO's own analysis concludes that Barbadoes Island is not suitable for redevelopment for electric generation.

Another concern involves the potential for environmental harm from any substantial new development on Barbadoes Island. The PATER report confirmed groundwater contamination at the site; disturbing the property could lead to reduced water quality, toxic stormwater runoff, and harm to wildlife habitats.

Finally, I want to underscore the Township's overriding concern about the appropriateness of this site for large-scale development. Particularly in a significant flood or other emergency, the location could create serious obstacles to access by first responders and utility crews.

I trust the PUC will give these compelling objections serious attention and consult directly with West Norriton Township before advancing this site for further analysis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amanda M. Cappelletti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" and last name "Cappelletti" clearly legible.

Senator Amanda M. Cappelletti
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