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Matthew Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Pennsylvania Accelerated Transmission and Energy Redevelopment
(PATER); Docket No. M-2026-3059601**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

On September 23, 2026, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “PUC”) issued a Secretarial Letter at Docket No. M-2026-3059601 regarding the Preliminary Phase 1 Report of the Pennsylvania Accelerated Transmission and Energy Redevelopment (“PATER”) Study. On October 3, 2026, the Commission published notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin announcing a public meeting to discuss the preliminary report and inviting interested stakeholders and members of the public to submit written comments and questions regarding the report's findings and recommendations through October 14, 2026. These comments are being submitted on behalf of the transmission companies under the FirstEnergy Corp. (“FirstEnergy”) umbrella which operate in Pennsylvania, including Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (“MAIT”), Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company (“KATCo”), American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company (“TrAILCo”) (collectively, the “FirstEnergy transmission companies”) and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (“FE PA” and together with the FirstEnergy transmission companies referred to as the “Companies” or “FirstEnergy”).

The Companies commend the Commission’s efforts through the PATER Study to evaluate opportunities to repurpose retired energy facilities across the Commonwealth. While FirstEnergy does not offer feedback on the methodology or criteria being applied at this time, it does caution that the results should not be interpreted as firm evidence that any site has available transmission capacity, generation interconnection capability, or large-load readiness without detailed transmission owner and PJM Interconnection, LLC study. These analyses would be conducted if and when any of the locations would be selected for further development, taking into consideration the most current information related to changes to load and generation shifts planned on the system that may not be reflected in the analyses performed under the PATER study.

FirstEnergy also notes that the preliminary report highlights an important consideration for future planning: serving large new electric loads may require more than transmission infrastructure alone. Generation availability and operational flexibility will also be important factors in meeting growing demand. As Pennsylvania evaluates opportunities for redevelopment and economic growth, reliable electric service will depend on transmission and generation resources working together to support new load while maintaining reliability for existing customers.

The Companies look forward to continuing to support work under the final phase of the report as needed and learning of its outcomes in February 2027. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



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c: As Per Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Accelerated Transmission and Energy Redevelopment (PATER); : **Docket No. M-2026-3059601**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the individuals listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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