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October 20, 2026

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

Re: Docket No. P-2026-3060298

Dear Secretary Homsher:

I am writing regarding the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's consideration of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company's Default Service Program in Docket No. P-2026-3060298.

Pennsylvania's electric generation market was intentionally structured to give consumers the ability to choose the supplier and products that best fit their individual needs. The Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act of 1996 established a competitive framework that has provided Pennsylvania households and businesses with alternatives to traditional utility generation service for nearly 30 years. Competitive markets allow consumers to evaluate different suppliers, pricing structures, and service offerings rather than being limited to a single option.

Any action that substantially alters this framework could have consequences well beyond the individual utility proceeding currently before the Commission. Because the General Assembly created Pennsylvania's competitive electricity market through statute, I believe any fundamental modification of that framework should be undertaken by the Legislature itself. The Commission has an important role in implementing and overseeing the laws enacted by the General Assembly, but decisions that would substantially redefine the Commonwealth's approach to consumer choice are proper matters for legislative consideration.

If Pennsylvania's electric competition laws need to be changed, the General Assembly should have the opportunity to examine the issue openly, hear from consumers and industry stakeholders, and determine what policy best serves the Commonwealth. That process is preferable to making broad changes through an administrative proceeding that could have lasting effects on consumer choice.

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I therefore respectfully encourage the Commission to carefully consider the implications of the proposed changes and to avoid taking action that would unnecessarily restrict the options available to Pennsylvania electricity consumers or establish policy beyond the Commission's existing statutory authority.

Pennsylvanians deserve an electric market that protects consumers and provides meaningful choices. If changes to that framework are warranted, those decisions should be made by the elected representatives of the General Assembly through the legislative process.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and for your continued work on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions regarding my position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dawn W. Keefer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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