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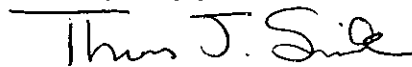
RE: Joint Application of West Penn Power Company d/b/a Allegheny Power, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company and FirstEnergy Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience under Section 1102(a)(3) of the Public Utility Code approving a change of control of West Penn Power Company and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company; Docket Nos. A-2010-2176520 and A-2010-2176732; **PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission are the original and three (3) copies of the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of the Pennsylvania State University in the above-captioned matter. Copies of this document have been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Application of West Penn Power :
Company d/b/a Allegheny Power, :
Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company :
and FirstEnergy Corp. for a Certificate of : Docket Nos. A-2010-2176520
Public Convenience under Section 1102(a)(3) : A-2010-2176732
of the Public Utility Code approving a change :
of control of West Penn Power Company and :
Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company :

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

TO: THE HONORABLE WAYNE L. WEISMANDEL

On May 24, 2010, a Notice was issued by the Commission setting a Prehearing Conference in the above-captioned proceeding for Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Wayne L. Weisman. On May 24, 2010, Your Honor issued a Prehearing Conference Order directing the parties to submit Prehearing Conference Memoranda on or before June 15, 2010.

The Pennsylvania State University ("PSU"), by and through its attorneys in this matter, Hawke McKeon & Sniscak LLP, hereby submits its Prehearing Conference Memorandum.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Prehearing Conference Order, service of paper documents in this proceeding shall be accepted on behalf of PSU by:

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Counsel for PSU also requests that any electronic service list utilized by the parties in this proceeding include Thomas J. Sniscak (tjsniscak@hmslegal.com), Todd S. Stewart (tsstewart@hmslegal.com) and William E. Lehman (welehman@hmslegal.com). PSU is willing to extend the same courtesy upon request of any other party for any e-mails or electronic service to the parties.

II. SETTLEMENT

There have been no settlement discussions to date, but PSU is willing to participate in settlement discussions with the other parties.

III. DISCOVERY

PSU will work with all parties to this proceeding to develop a mutually-agreeable discovery plan and schedule, including but not limited to modifications to regulations or procedures.

IV. SCHEDULE

PSU is willing to work with the parties to develop a proposed schedule that gives sufficient time for necessary discovery and submission of testimony.

V. WITNESSES

PSU reserves the right to offer the Direct Testimony of James L. Crist in support of its Formal Complaint. Mr. Crist's business address, telephone number and e-mail address are:

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If called, Mr. Crist will testify about whether the merger should be granted, granted with condition(s), or denied. PSU requests that copies of all interrogatories, testimony and answers to interrogatories be e-mailed directly to Mr. Crist at jlcris@aol.com.

PSU may offer direct testimony of a member of its Office of Physical Plant - Energy and Engineering Division regarding rate and service issues created or raised by the filing and its offered supporting information. PSU may have additional direct witnesses should its discovery or its review of responses to the discovery of other parties raise additional issues.

PSU reserves the right to adopt any testimony of other witnesses, in whole or in part, and to offer additional witnesses and exhibits as may be necessary to address the testimony, exhibits, or evidence that may be presented by any party in this proceeding.

VI. ISSUES

At this juncture, and subject to discovery and issues raised by other parties, PSU intends to address the following issues and sub-issues in this proceeding:

a. Whether the proposed Merger, if approved, would impede competition in the electric retail market, thereby negatively impacting the price ratepayers, specifically PSU, must pay for energy. West Penn and FirstEnergy currently have neighboring service territories.

b. Whether the proposed Merger provides affirmative public benefits that are substantial.

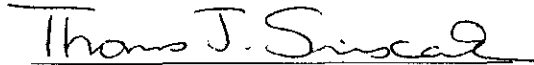
PSU's position will be finalized in its evidence and briefs submitted under the schedule developed in this case.

VII. EVIDENCE

PSU reserves the right to submit pre-filed direct testimony and associated exhibits addressing each issue identified in the preceding section. PSU may also present additional testimony and exhibits after discovery or in response to testimony or exhibits introduced by any party or witness in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Pennsylvania State University respectfully submits this Prehearing Conference Memorandum in satisfaction of Your Honor's Prehearing Conference Order dated May 24, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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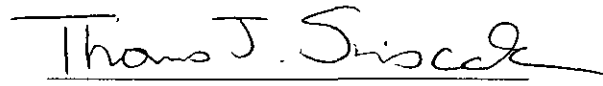
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