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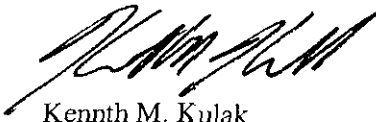
**Re:    Joint Application of West Penn Power Company doing business as Allegheny Power, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company and FirstEnergy Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience Under Section 1102(A)(3) of the Public Utility Code Approving a Change of Control of West Penn Power Company and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company, Docket Nos. A-2010-2176520, A-2010-2176732**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing are an original and three copies of the Answer of West Penn Power Company, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company, and FirstEnergy Corp. to Direct Energy Services, LLC's Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Surrebuttal in the above-captioned matter. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.11(a)(2), the enclosed Answer shall be deemed filed on October 8, 2010, which is the date it was deposited with Federal Express as shown on the Federal Express delivery receipt.

As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, copies of the Answer are being served on the Administrative Law Judges and all parties of record. Also enclosed is an additional copy of this letter and the Answer, which we request be date-stamped as evidence of filing and returned to us in the stamped, pre-addressed envelope provided.

Very truly yours,



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**JOINT APPLICATION OF WEST PENN  
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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**

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**DOCKET NOS. A-2010-2176520  
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**ANSWER OF  
WEST PENN POWER COMPANY, TRANS-ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE  
COMPANY, AND FIRSTENERGY CORP.  
TO DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC'S  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL SURREBUTTAL**

West Penn Power Company ("West Penn"), Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company ("TrAILCo"), and FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy") (collectively, the "Companies" or "Joint Applicants") submit this Answer to Direct Energy Services, LLC's ("Direct Energy") Motion For Leave To Submit Supplemental Surrebuttal by witness Mathew Morey ("Motion").

In its Motion, Direct Energy states that its Motion should be granted in part because the Joint Applicants will be able to offer oral rejoinder to Dr. Morey's supplemental surrebuttal testimony. Direct Energy further states that it will not oppose oral rejoinder by Mr. Anthony J. Alexander to respond to Dr. Morey's supplemental surrebuttal testimony. *See* Motion, ¶ 10.

As Direct Energy properly notes, the presiding Administrative Law Judges have broad authority to regulate this proceeding. *See* Motion, ¶ 8; 52 Pa. Code § 5.483. Provided that the Joint Applicants have the ability to offer oral rejoinder by Mr. Alexander to Dr. Morey's supplemental surrebuttal testimony, the Joint Applicants do not oppose the Motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify and affirm that I have this day served a copy of the **Answer of West Penn Power Company, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company, and FirstEnergy Corp. to Direct Energy Services, LLC's Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Surrebuttal** on the following persons in the matter specified in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54:

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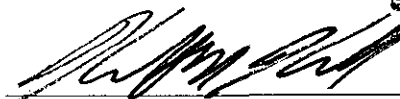
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