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Honorable Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
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RE: Joint Application of West Penn Power Company, D/B/A  
Allegheny Power, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line  
Company and FirstEnergy Corporation 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  
PUC Docket No. A-2010-2176520  
A-2010-2176732

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please be advised that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is not filing Exceptions to the Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judges Wayne L. Weismandel and Mary D. Long issued on Tuesday, December 20, 2010 in the above-referenced proceeding.

Per the attached Certificate of Service, copies of this letter are being served on the Administrative Law Judges and the other parties to the proceeding. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: Certificate of Service



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

<b>JOINT APPLICATION OF WEST</b>	:	
<b>PENN POWER COMPANY, D/B/A</b>	:	
<b>ALLEGHENY POWER, TRANS-</b>	:	
<b>ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE</b>	:	
<b>COMPANY AND FIRSTENERGY</b>	:	
<b>CORPORATION FOR A</b>	:	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC</b>	:	<b>Docket No. A-2010-2176520</b>
<b>CONVENIENCE UNDER SECTION</b>	:	<b>A-2010-2176732</b>
<b>1102(A)(3) OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY</b>	:	
<b>CODE APPROVING A CHANGE</b>	:	
<b>OF CONTROL OF WEST PENN</b>	:	
<b>POWER COMPANY AND TRANS-</b>	:	
<b>ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE</b>	:	
<b>LINE COMPANY</b>	:	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of the attached letter indicating that the Department of Environmental Protection will not be filing Exceptions to the Initial Decision issued in the above-referenced proceeding upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54.

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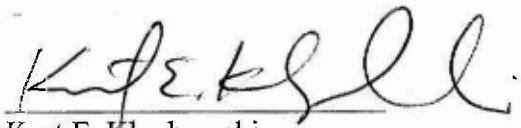
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