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February 24, 2011

To All Parties:

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 Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, approving a Change of Control of West Penn Power Company and TransAllegheny Interstate Line Company. Docket Numbers: A-2010-2176520 and A-2010-2176732.

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from the Honorable Kim Ward with respect to the above-captioned case.

This letter was received only minutes before the February 24, 2011 Public Meeting, at which a final vote was taken on this contested on-the-record proceeding. Therefore, to cure any ex-parte concerns, a copy of this letter is being served upon all parties of record of this case.

Also, please be advised that this letter has been published on the Commission's website, and is being placed in the public comment folder in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta", written in a cursive style.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

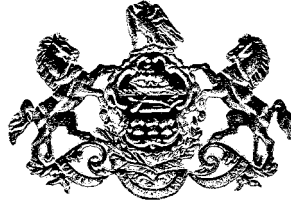
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SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am writing in regard to the proposed merger of First Energy and Allegheny Energy, which I was notified this morning was on the Public Utility Commission's meeting agenda.

I am respectfully requesting that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) members give strong consideration to ensuring that the parties adhere to the terms included in the partial settlement that has been filed before the Commission of the retention of jobs in the Greensburg area a result of the First Energy and Allegheny Power merger.

Also, I am requesting that the PUC strongly emphasize that retraining be required for any of the current Allegheny Energy employees before any individuals are transferred or hired for any southwestern Pennsylvania positions. In addition, the Commission should emphasize that as First Energy begins the transition process that the Allegheny Power (Greensburg) employees are given the first opportunity for any new positions that are moved into southwestern Pennsylvania. However, I strongly support and encourage any job growth by First Energy in this region.

Additionally, we are asking that no changes be made to the partial settlement terms that require approximately \$11 million in customer credits for West Penn Power residential customers over a three year period.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Kim Ward
Senator

cc: Commissioners
June Perry