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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

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:

In accordance with Paragraph 14 of the Joint Petition for Partial Settlement ("Settlement Agreement") approved by the Commission when it approved the merger of Allegheny Energy, Inc. with Element Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy"), in the above-referenced proceeding¹, FirstEnergy is hereby reporting to the Commission the FirstEnergy employment levels in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and Westmoreland County as of February 25, 2012, the end of the 12-month period following consummation of the Merger².

Paragraph 14 of the Settlement Agreement includes, in relevant part, the following commitment regarding Regional Headquarters and Employment Levels:

¹ *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 (Order adopted February 24, 2011 and entered March 8, 2011).*

² FirstEnergy will file similar reports at the end of the two following 12-month periods, and at the end of the subsequent 24-month period.

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...[t]he net employment levels in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and Westmoreland County for all employees of FirstEnergy and its affiliates will be maintained as follows. The average number of employees in the 12-month period following consummation of the Merger that have a primary reporting location in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and any new jobs that are created in or moved to Westmoreland County will be no less than 800, less any employees who leave due to voluntary attrition...For purposes of this calculation, the number of employees for each year will be the average of the number of employees with primary reporting locations in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and any new jobs that are created in or moved to Westmoreland County for each month of the period being evaluated. FirstEnergy will file a report with the Commission's Secretary regarding the employment levels at the end of the 12-month period following consummation of the Merger...

Pursuant to Paragraph 14 of the Settlement Agreement, FirstEnergy is pleased to report its achievement of the employment level commitment for the first 12-month period following consummation of the Merger on February 25, 2011. Using the starting point of an average of no less than 800 employees that have a primary reporting location of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, less the 92 employees that left FirstEnergy due to voluntary attrition, the employee commitment level required for this 12-month period was 708 employees. As of February 25, 2012, the average monthly employment level of employees of FirstEnergy and its affiliates with primary reporting locations in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and new jobs created in or moved to Westmoreland County was 780 employees, satisfying the first 12-month employment level commitment.³ FirstEnergy will submit its second report on the employment level commitment in accordance with Paragraph 14 of the Settlement Agreement after February 25, 2013.

An original and four (4) copies of this letter are being submitted. Please date stamp the additional copy and return it to me in the enclosed, postage-prepaid envelope. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Bradley A. Bingham

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³ Pursuant to the commitment in Paragraph 14 of the Settlement Agreement, career transition services were made available to those Greensburg, Pennsylvania employees whose jobs were negatively impacted by the Merger.

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POWER COMPANY doing business as :
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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 :
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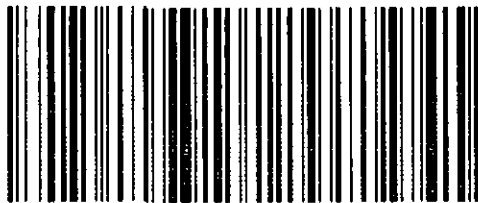
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