**PENNSYLVANIA**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held August 31, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Gladys M. Brown, Chairman

Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman

David W. Sweet

John F. Coleman, Jr.

Robert M. Mattu C-2016-2547322

v.

West Penn Power Company

**OPINION AND ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is the Petition for Reconsideration (Petition), filed by West Penn Power Company (West Penn Power), on August 29, 2017, seeking reconsideration of the Commission’s Opinion and Order entered July 14, 2017 (*July 2017 Order*),[[1]](#footnote-1) relative to the above-captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, Pa. R.A.P. Rule 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought, or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed. The thirty‑day period within which the Commission must act upon this Petition in order to preserve jurisdiction ends on September 13, 2017. Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. Rule 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

That the Petition for Reconsideration, filed on August 29, 2017, by West Penn Power Company, is hereby granted, pending further review of, and consideration on, the merits.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: August 31, 2017

ORDER ENTERED: August 31, 2017

1. The *July 2017 Order* was issued as a Tentative Opinion and Order that was served on the public advocates (*i.e.*, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate) and the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (collectively Statutory Parties). The *July 2017 Order* provided the Statutory Parties thirty days, or until August 14, 2017, to intervene and request additional proceedings. If no Statutory Parties requested additional proceedings within the permitted time period, the *July 2017 Order* would become a Final Order without further action of the Commission. Since no Statutory Party requested additional proceedings before the Commission prior to the directed deadline, the *July 2017 Order* became final on August 14, 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)