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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor (filing room) PO Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company for Approval of Their Default Service Programs; Docket Nos. P-2017-2637855, P-2017-2637857, P-2017-2637858 and P-2017-2637866; PETITION TO INTERVENE

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed you will find The Pennsylvania State University's Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned matters. Copies have been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Honorable Mary D. Long, Administrative Law Judge

Per the Certificate of Service

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company for Approval of Their Default Service Programs P-2017-2637855 P-2017-2637857 P-2017-2637858 P-2017-2637866

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

NOW COMES The Pennsylvania State University ("PSU"), by and through its attorneys, Hawke McKeon & Sniscak LLP, and files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"). In support of its Petition, PSU avers as follows:

1. On December 4, 2017, Metropolitan Edison Company ("Met-Ed"), Pennsylvania Electric Company ("Pennelec"), Pennsylvania Power Company ("Penn Power") and West Penn Power Company ("West Penn") (collectively the "FirstEnergy Companies") filed a Joint Petition for Approval of their Default Service Programs (the "Joint Petition") pursuant to Pennsylvania's Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act, 66 Pa.C.S. § 2801, et seq., as amended by Act 129 of 2008, the default service regulations of the Commission at 52 Pa. Code §§ 54.181-54.190, and the Commission's Policy Statement on default service at 52 Pa. Code §§ 69.1801-1817. The Joint Petition relates to default service rates to be charged by the FirstEnergy Companies during the period from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2023.

2. All correspondence and pleadings in this docket should be directed to PSU's counsel in this matter:

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- 3. Eligibility to intervene in Commission proceedings is governed by the Commission's regulations found at 52 Pa. Code § 5.72. The Commission's regulations provide that in order to have the ability to intervene, a party must have "a right or interest" sufficient to warrant intervention, which includes an interest that may be directly affected by the proceeding and which is not being adequately represented by existing participants, and where the petitioner may be bound by the actions of the Commission or where the right or interest is otherwise in the public interest. *Id.*
- 4. PSU has such an interest. PSU is a major generation, transmission and distribution service customer of West Penn at its University Park campus receiving service through West Penn's PA Retail Tariff 37. PSU is the only customer taking service under Tariff 37. As a large customer, and a unique customer that takes service under its own tariff, PSU will be substantially and directly affected by any decision, final order, or settlement in this matter and will be bound thereby. Moreover, no other party can represent PSU's interest under these circumstances.
- 5. For the reasons stated above, PSU's intervention in this matter meets the intervention standards of 52 Pa. Code § 5.72, and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, PSU requests that this intervention be granted and that it be allowed full party status in this matter.

WHEREFORE, The Pennsylvania State University respectfully requests that this petition be granted and that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant it party status in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 2, 2018

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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