PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company for Approval of Default Service Programs Public Meeting of August 4, 2022 3030012-ALJ Docket Nos. P-2021-3030012 P-2021-3030013 P-2021-3030014 P-2021-3030021

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE

Before the Commission is the Joint Petition (Petition) of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company (the FirstEnergy Companies, or the Companies) for approval of their Default Service Program (DSP).

I would like to take the time to commend the FirstEnergy Companies for inclusion of long-term contracts in this DSP. As I have stated numerous times before, the inclusion of such contracts is a requirement under Section 2807(e) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(e). Here each of the Companies propose to enter into power purchase agreement (PPA) ranging between four and ten years. The PPAs will procure energy and solar credits from in-state solar facilities with capacity ranging from seven to twenty MWs.

Additionally, I am pleased to see that FirstEnergy's DSP includes a time-ofuse (TOU) option for residential and commercial customers. Each Company will offer a year-round TOU rate with peak hours from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and off-peak/super off-peak hours constituting the remainder of the week. This program represents another step toward the grid of the future, especially when coupled with the roll-out of advanced metering infrastructure and the increased utilization of electric vehicles.

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<u>August 4, 2022</u> Date

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman