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Via Electronic Mail Only

The Honorable Mark A. Hoyer Office of Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Piatt Place 301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 220 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

> Re: Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company for Approval of a Distribution System Improvement Charge Docket Nos. P-2015-2508942 C-2016-2531040

> > Petition of Pennsylvania Electric Company for Approval of a Distribution System Improvement Charge Docket Nos. P-2015-2508936 C-2016-2531060

> > Petition of Pennsylvania Power Company for Approval of a Distribution System Improvement Charge Docket Nos. P-2015-2508931 C-2016-2531054

> > Petition of West Penn Power Company for Approval of a Distribution System Improvement Charge Docket Nos. P-2015-2508948 C-2016-2531019

Dear Judge Hoyer:

Attached please find the Joint Status Report submitted on behalf of the Office of Consumer Advocate and Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company. The Honorable Mark A. Hoyer October 10, 2023 Page 2

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, Joint Status Report, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below. A copy of the letter and certificate were electronically filed with the Commission.

Dated this 10th day of October 2023.

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

This Joint Status Report is being submitted on behalf of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company (FirstEnergy) as directed by Administrative Law Judge Mark A. Hoyer (ALJ) in the First Interim Order Setting Time Frame for Discovery and Requiring the Filing of a Status Report issued August 14, 2023.

As discussed in that Order and at a telephonic conference held on August 8, 2028, ALJ Hoyer permitted discovery for a period of 90 days, except on issues related to refunds, and also rescinded prior modifications to the discovery rules such that responses to written interrogatories are due within 20 days pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § § 5.342(d).

Following informal discussions regarding the discovery, the OCA served written interrogatories on FirstEnergy on September 7, 2023. FirstEnergy provided responses on September 27, 2023. The OCA is reviewing the information and anticipates that additional informal or formal discovery may be necessary within the discovery period that ends on November 6, 2023.

The parties propose to submit joint or separate status reports on or by December 6, 2023, in which they will provide an update on the current status of this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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