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 August 14, 2015

West Penn Power

Attention: John L. Munsch

800 Cabin Hill Drive

Greensburg, PA 15601

Re: Approval of FirstEnergy Corp.

“Procedure for Awarding Contracts to PA Act 129 Conservation Service Providers”

Dear Mr. Munsch:

 On July 28, 2015 FirstEnergy Corp. filed “Procedure for Awarding Contracts to PA Act 129 Conservation Service Providers” with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). The procedures are required pursuant to the Act 129 Phase III Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Final Implementation Order adopted on June 11, 2015 at Docket M-2014-2424864.

As part of the Implementation Order at 121, the Commission proposed minimum criteria for the Conservation Service Providers (CSP) competitive bidding review process. The Commission requires assurance that Electric Distribution Companies (EDCs) will issue Request for Proposals (RFPs) to all qualified registered CSPs using the current posting of the CSP register on the Commission’s website. The EDC must also make an effort to acquire bids from “disadvantaged businesses” consistent with the Commission’s Policy Statements at 52 Pa. Code §§ 69.804, 69.807 and 69.808. The Commission further requires selection criteria and weight assigned to each factor for bid review and selection of overall best bid/proposal. Selection criteria must consider: quality of prior performance; timeliness of performance; quality of the proposed work plan or approach; knowledge, background and experience of the personnel to be utilized; and other factors as deemed relevant. If the Commission has not commented upon or disapproved the proposed RFP process within 15 days of its filing, the EDC would be permitted to use that process.

Commission staff reviewed “Procedure for Awarding Contracts to PA Act 129 Conservation Service Providers” and finds that it is in compliance with the criteria established in the Implementation Order at 121. Therefore, the Commission hereby approves “Procedure for Awarding Contracts to PA Act 129 Conservation Service Providers”.

 Sincerely,

 Rosemary Chiavetta

 Secretary

Cc: Joseph Sherrick, TUS

Charles Covage, TUS