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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Karen Buckley
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission of West Virginia
201 Brooks Street
PO Box 812
Charleston, West Virginia 25323

Re: Substation Equipment Replacement Project TMP-____

Dear Ms. Buckley:

This is a notification of replacement of substation equipment at various substations (listed below). Per Commission Order dated January 18, 2023, in General Order No 265, this notification should not be docketed as a formal case.

Attached is an 8 ½" x 11" color topographic map depicting the area of the proposed Monongahela Power Company Substation Equipment Replacement Projects ("Project") and incorporated herein as **Attachment 1 through Attachment 7**. There are three (3) Project locations with very similar replacement work of protective equipment, which are located at the following Monongahela Power Company Substations.

- The Edgelawn Substation which is located approximately 3 miles southeast of the city of Parkersburg, in Wood County, West Virginia, T
- The Goff Run Substation which is located approximately 2 miles southeast of the city of Spencer, in Roane County, West Virginia.
- The Albright Substation which is located approximately 3 miles northeast of the city of Kingwood, in Preston County, West Virginia.
- The Kingwood Substation which is located approximately 1 mile northwest of the city of Kingwood, in Preston County, West Virginia.

- The Pruntytown Substation, which is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the community of Pruntytown, in Taylor County, West Virginia.
- The Wylie Ridge Substation which is located approximately 2.7 miles northeast of the city of Weirton, in Hancock County, West Virginia.
- The Weirton Substation, which is located approximately 1 mile southeast of the city of Weirton, in Hancock County, West Virginia.

Monongahela Power has determined that certain transmission substation protection schemes, particularly electromechanical relays and communication equipment, have become obsolete and are experiencing mis-operations and failures. For example, jaws of the switches are heavily worn, and need replaced along with cracked wooden actuator handles that create reliability and safety concerns. The carrier sets and associated wave traps are past their useful life and are prone to catastrophic failure. These components also suffer from a lack of original equipment manufacturer parts due to their age. The electromechanical relays are 40+ years old with various obsolete parts such as coils, discs, springs, and plungers that are known to have misoperated in the past. The replacements will greatly reduce relay mis-operations, reduce the number of transmission system elements removed from service during a fault, and increase the availability of transmission system elements.

PJM, in its capacity as the regional Transmission Planner, Planning Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Balancing Authority and Reliability Coordinator, along with FE operations has coordinated outage requirements as part of the reliability planning, economic planning, and interconnection planning processes to preserve the reliability of the electricity grid that is under its operational control as the Regional Transmission Organization ("RTO"). Due to the proposed work at the various substations several existing transmission line ratings will increase. **Table 1** shows the various affected transmission lines and their respective rating changes. Because of this rating increase, the project needs were presented to PJM on November 17, 2023, and the proposed solutions were presented at the December 15, 2023, Sub-regional RTEP Committee Western meeting. The Project PJM supplemental IDs are listed in **Table 2**. The approximate costs of the Projects are also listed in **Table 2** and will be paid by Monongahela Power Company.

Table 1

Transmission Line	Existing Rating (amps) (Summer Normal/Summer Emergency)	Increased Rating (amps) (Summer Normal/ Summer Emergency)
Edgelawn-Goff Run 138 kV	195/209	221/268
Albright-Kingwood 138 kV	187/209	221/268

Weirton Junction-Weirton	292/314	308/376
138kV and Weirton Junction		
Wylie Ridge 138 kV		

Table 2

Project Names	PJM Supplemental IDs	Approximate Costs
Edgelawn-Goff Run	s3159.1	\$2,214,758
Albright-Kingwood- Pruntytown	s3160.1	\$4,037,804
Weirton-Wylie Ridge-South Toronto	s3158.1	\$1,848,550

Construction of the Project is expected to commence on or about April 30, 2024, and be complete on or about November 1, 2024.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures













