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## **FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania Utilities' Rate Plans Will Help Continue Service Reliability Enhancements for Customers**

Reading, Pa. – FirstEnergy Corp.'s (NYSE: FE) Pennsylvania utilities today filed electric rate plans with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) aimed at enhancing electric system reliability for more than two million customers across the state.

FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities include Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed), Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), and West Penn Power Company (West Penn Power).

The proposed rate plans are expected to benefit customers by continuing FirstEnergy's service reliability enhancement efforts in Pennsylvania. The plans include continued work to modernize the grid with smart technologies that can prevent or shorten power outages, additional tree trimming activities to protect poles and wires, and updating tablets and smart phones used by utility field staff to help streamline the power restoration process.

"Enhancing service reliability has been a major focus for us in Pennsylvania, and we've made significant strides in that area," said Linda Moss, president of Pennsylvania Operations for FirstEnergy. "Today's requests will allow our utilities to build on our progress in serving our customers, including ongoing maintenance for the new equipment and facilities we have added over the past several years."

FirstEnergy's rate request totals \$439 million across all four Pennsylvania utilities. If approved, monthly bills would increase on average in the range of \$10.89 to \$23.61, or about 9.64 to 17.1 percent, for a typical FirstEnergy Pennsylvania residential electric

customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month. The average monthly bill for customers of FirstEnergy's four Pennsylvania utilities would be in line with the statewide average for typical residential customers served by the three other major electric utilities in Pennsylvania.

Here are the specifics for each utility's rate plan:

- Met-Ed has requested an increase of \$140 million, or approximately 9.5 percent over current rates. If approved, the total bill for an average residential customer using 1,000 kWh/month would increase 13.59 percent, or \$17.52, for a new monthly total bill of \$147.34. The bill for a commercial customer using 40 kilowatts (KW) for 250 hours would increase 4.6 percent, or \$47.48, for a total bill of \$1,077.10. The bill for an industrial customer using 20 MW for 474 hours would increase 0.94 percent, or \$8,027.06, for a total bill of \$859,353.86
- Penelec has requested an increase of \$158 million, or approximately 11.4 percent over current rates. If approved, the total bill for an average residential customer using 1,000 kWh/month would increase 17.1 percent, or \$23.61, for a new monthly total bill of \$161.50. The bill for a commercial customer using 40 KW for 250 hours would increase 9 percent, or \$96.21, for a total bill of \$1,155.80. The bill for an industrial customer using 20 MW for 474 hours would increase 1.5 percent, or \$10,029.42 for a total bill of \$682,841.44
- Penn Power has requested an increase of \$42 million, or approximately 9.5 percent over current rates. If approved, the total bill for an average residential customer using 1,000 kWh/month would increase 14.2 percent, or \$18.45, for a new monthly total bill of \$148.51. The bill for a commercial customer using 40 KW for 250 hours would increase 5.3 percent, or \$59.06, for a total bill of \$1,164.94. The bill for an industrial customer using 20 MW for 474 hours would increase 1.0 percent, or \$4,325.24, for a total bill of \$459,688.85.

- West Penn Power has requested an increase of \$98 million, or approximately 5.7 percent over current rates. If approved, the total bill for an average residential customer using 1,000 kWh/month would increase 9.64 percent, or \$10.89, for a new monthly total bill of \$123.88. The bill for a commercial customer using 40 KW for 250 hours would increase 1.8 percent, or \$16.58, for a total bill of \$959.86. The bill for an industrial customer using 20 MW for 474 hours would increase 0.8 percent, or \$4,191.28, for a total bill of \$548,425.83.

Pending PUC approval, FirstEnergy has requested that the new rates take effect on June 27, 2016. The process, however, could take up to an additional seven months. For additional information on the plan, customers may call the company at 1-800-545-7741.

Met-Ed serves 560,000 customers within 3,300 square miles of eastern and south central Pennsylvania. Penelec serves nearly 590,000 customers within 17,600 square miles of western, northern and south central Pennsylvania. Penn Power serves approximately 163,000 customers within 1,100 square miles of western Pennsylvania. West Penn Power serves approximately 721,000 customers within 10,400 square miles of central and southwestern Pennsylvania.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Its 10 electric distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, serving customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York. Follow FirstEnergy on Twitter [@FirstEnergyCorp](https://twitter.com/FirstEnergyCorp) or online at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com).

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including, but not limited to, the proposed transmission asset transfer to Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, and the effectiveness of our strategy to reflect a more regulated business profile; changes in assumptions regarding economic conditions within our territories, assessment of the reliability of our transmission system, or the availability of capital or other resources supporting identified transmission investment opportunities; the impact of the regulatory process on the pending matters at the federal level and in the various states in which we do business including, but not limited to, matters related to rates and the Electric Security Plan IV (ESP IV) in Ohio, specifically related to a complaint filed at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) against FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison Company, and The Toledo Edison Company that request FERC review the Electric Security Plan IV Purchase Power Agreement (ESP IV PPA) under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, and other future complaints or challenges that could impact the ESP IV and the ESP IV PPA; the impact of the federal regulatory process on FERC-regulated entities and transactions, in particular FERC regulation of wholesale energy and capacity markets, including PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) markets and FERC-jurisdictional wholesale transactions; FERC regulation of cost-of-service rates, including FERC Opinion No. 531's revised Return on Equity methodology for FERC-jurisdictional wholesale generation and transmission utility service; and FERC's compliance and enforcement activity, including compliance and enforcement activity related to North American Electric Reliability Corporation's mandatory reliability standards; the uncertainties of various cost recovery and cost allocation issues resulting from American Transmission Systems, Incorporated's realignment into PJM; economic or weather conditions affecting future sales and margins such as a polar vortex or other significant weather events, and all associated regulatory events or actions; changing energy, capacity and commodity market prices including, but not limited to, coal, natural gas and oil prices, and their availability and impact on margins and asset valuations; the continued ability of our regulated utilities to recover their costs; costs being higher than anticipated and the success of our policies to control costs and to mitigate low energy, capacity and market prices; other legislative and regulatory changes, and revised environmental requirements, including, but not limited to, the effects of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan, Coal Combustion Residuals regulations, Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and Mercury and Air Toxics Standards programs, including our estimated costs of compliance, Clean Water Act (CWA) waste water effluent limitations for power plants, and CWA 316(b) water intake regulation; the uncertainty of the timing and amounts of the capital expenditures that may arise in connection with any litigation, including New Source Review litigation, or potential regulatory initiatives or rulemakings (including that such initiatives or rulemakings could result in our decision to deactivate or idle certain generating units); the uncertainties associated with the deactivation of certain older regulated and competitive fossil units, including the impact on vendor commitments and as it relates to the reliability of the transmission grid, the timing thereof; the impact of other future changes to the operational status or availability of our generating units and any capacity performance charges associated with unit unavailability; adverse regulatory or legal decisions and outcomes with respect to our nuclear operations (including, but not limited to, the revocation or non-renewal of necessary licenses, approvals or operating permits by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or as a result of the incident at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant); issues arising from the indications of cracking in the shield building at Davis-Besse; the risks and uncertainties associated with litigation, arbitration, mediation and like proceedings, including, but not limited to, any such proceedings related to vendor commitments; the impact of labor disruptions by our unionized workforce; replacement power costs being higher than anticipated or not fully hedged; the ability to comply with applicable state and federal reliability standards and energy efficiency and peak demand reduction mandates; changes in customers' demand for power, including, but not limited to, changes resulting from the implementation of state and federal energy efficiency and peak demand reduction mandates; the ability to accomplish or realize anticipated benefits from strategic and financial goals, including, but not limited to, the ability to continue to reduce costs and to successfully execute our financial plans designed to improve our credit metrics and strengthen our balance sheet through, among other actions, our cash flow improvement plan and other proposed capital raising initiatives; our ability to improve electric commodity margins and the impact of, among other factors, the increased cost of fuel and fuel transportation on such margins; changing market conditions that could affect the measurement of certain liabilities and the value of assets held in our Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts, pension trusts and other trust funds, and cause us and/or our subsidiaries to make additional contributions sooner, or in amounts that are larger than currently anticipated; the impact of changes to material accounting policies; the ability to access the public securities and other capital and credit markets in accordance with our financial plans, the cost of such capital and overall condition of the capital and credit markets affecting us and our subsidiaries; actions that may be taken by credit rating agencies that could negatively affect us and/or our subsidiaries' access to financing, increase the costs thereof, and increase requirements to post additional collateral to support outstanding commodity positions, letters of credit and other financial guarantees; changes in national and regional economic conditions affecting us, our subsidiaries and/or our major industrial and commercial customers, and other counterparties with which we do business, including fuel suppliers; the impact of any changes in tax laws or regulations or adverse tax audit results or rulings; issues concerning the stability of domestic and foreign financial institutions and counterparties with which we do business; the risks associated with cyber-attacks and other disruptions to our information technology system that may compromise our generation, transmission and/or distribution services and data security breaches of sensitive data, intellectual property and proprietary or personally identifiable information regarding our business, employees, shareholders, customers, suppliers, business partners and other individuals in our data centers and on our networks; and the risks and other factors discussed from time to time in our United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, and other similar factors. The foregoing factors should not be construed as

exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements and risks that are included in our filings with the SEC, including but not limited to the most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors, nor assess the impact of any such factor on FirstEnergy's business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. FirstEnergy expressly disclaims any current intention to update, except as required by law, any forward-looking statements contained herein as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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