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**Re: *Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon North LLC v. Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, and Penn Power Company, Proceeding No. 19-354, Bureau ID No. EB-19-MD-008***

***Verizon Maryland LLC v. The Potomac Edison Company, Proceeding No. 19-355, Bureau ID No. EB-19-MD-009***

Dear Counsel:

We grant, to the extent indicated below, the Unopposed Motion of Defendants Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Penn Power Company, and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, First Energy)<sup>1</sup> requesting an extension of the deadlines established in the Notices of Formal

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<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Penn Power Company, and The Potomac Edison Company's Unopposed Motion for Adjustment of Deadlines, Proceeding Numbers 19-354 and 19-355; Bureau ID Numbers EB-19-MD-008 and EB-19-MD-009 (filed Dec. 4, 2019) (Motion).

Complaints<sup>2</sup> for the above-referenced proceedings. First Energy offers several justifications in support of the Motion, including the size, complexity, and novelty of Verizon's complaints.<sup>3</sup> First Energy also states that Verizon does not oppose the Motion.<sup>4</sup>

As requested by First Energy, the revised schedules in these cases are now as follows:

**Proceeding No. 19-354**

1. By January 20, 2020, FirstEnergy must file and serve its response to Verizon's First Set of Interrogatories.
2. By February 3, 2020, First Energy must file and serve its answer to the complaint.
3. By March 3, 2020, Verizon must file and serve its reply to the answer.
4. By March 11, 2020, Verizon must file and serve its response to First Energy's First Set of Interrogatories, if any.
5. By March 18, 2020, the parties must file their joint statements.

**Proceeding No. 19-355**

1. By January 22, 2020, Potomac Edison must file and serve its response to Verizon's First Set of Interrogatories.
2. By February 5, 2020, Potomac Edison must file and serve its answer to the complaint.
3. By March 5, 2020, Verizon must file and serve its reply to the answer.
4. By March 13, 2020, Verizon must file and serve its response to Potomac Edison's First Set of Interrogatories.
5. By March 20, 2020, the parties must file their joint statements.

We will advise the parties later whether there will be an initial status conference.<sup>5</sup> In any event, the parties should expect discovery and briefing to conclude by April 17, 2020.

Finally, granting First Energy's requested extension means that the last filing dates in these proceedings are 62 days for Proceeding 19-354 and 60 days for Proceeding 19-355 beyond the dates in the Notices of Formal Complaint. As a result, we extend the review periods for final action on Verizon's complaints by an additional 62 days for Proceeding 19-354 and 60 days for Proceeding 19-355.

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<sup>2</sup> Notice of Formal Complaint, Proceeding Number 19-354, Bureau ID Number EB-19-MD-008 (Nov. 26, 2019); Notice of Formal Complaint, Proceeding Number 19-355, Bureau ID Number EB-19-MD-009 (Nov. 26, 2019) (collectively, Notices of Formal Complaint).

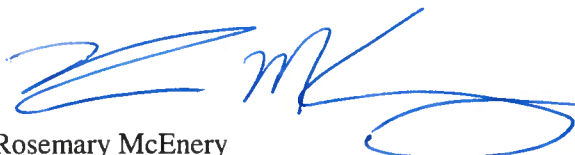
<sup>3</sup> See Motion at 3-4.

<sup>4</sup> See Motion at 6.

<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.733(a) (providing that status conferences may be held at the staff's discretion).

We issue this letter ruling under Sections 4(i), 4(j), 208, and 224 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 208, 224, Sections 1.3, 1.720-1.740, and 1.1401-1415 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.3, 1.720-1.740, 1.1401-1415, and the authority delegated in Sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311.

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