

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held September 17, 2020

Commissioners Present:

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman
David W. Sweet, Vice Chairman
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Pole Attachment Working Group

M-2020-3019408
L-2018-3002672

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 77.7, the Commission has established a Pole Attachment Working Group to ensure that the Commission remains apprised of industry and public concerns, that changes to the federal pole attachments rules are properly vetted before they come into effect in Pennsylvania, and to provide feedback to the Commission on the functioning of its regulations and dispute resolution processes as they relate to pole attachments.

Following the entry of our latest supplemental membership order on April 30, 2020, the Commission has compiled additional parties who have requested membership in the Pole Attachment Working Group. The parties who have requested membership are the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), NetSpeed LLC (NetSpeed), the First Energy companies (FE Companies),¹ and MAW Communications, Inc. (MAW Communications) These parties each have significant interests in the pole attachment

¹ The First Energy companies comprise Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company. These companies have not made individual requests for membership.

processes employed by the Commission. The FE Companies are jurisdictional electric distribution companies, which are an important representative of pole ownership interests. NetSpeed and MAW Communications are jurisdictional telecommunications companies with attachment interests. PennDOT controls rights-of-way where many poles are installed, and highway construction projects often involve relocation of utility poles and attachments. Adding these parties will supplement the existing expertise and representative experience of the Working Group.

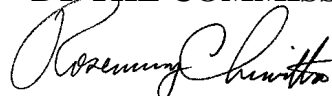
Accordingly, the Commission finds it appropriate to appoint these parties to the Pole Attachment Working Group;

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the appointment to the Pole Attachment Working Group of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, NetSpeed LLC, the First Energy companies, and MAW Communications, Inc., is approved.
2. The contact persons for the Pole Attachment Working Group are Colin W. Scott, Assistant Counsel, (717) 783-5949, and Christian A. McDewell, Assistant Counsel, (717) 787-7466.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: September 17, 2020

ORDER ENTERED: September 17, 2020