

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

At a session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA in the City of Charleston on the 17th day of September, 2021.

CASE NO. 20-1040-E-CN

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
and WHEELING POWER COMPANY,
public utilities.

Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the internal modifications at coal fired generating plants necessary to comply with federal environmental regulations and surcharge.

COMMISSION ORDER

The Commission schedules a public comment hearing for September 24, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and confirms an evidentiary hearing will be held on the same day.

BACKGROUND¹

On September 9, 2021, the Commission reopened this case on a petition by Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company and set a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing date of September 24, 2021, if any party requested an evidentiary hearing.

On September 15, 2021, West Virginia Citizen Action Group, Solar United Neighbors, and Energy Efficient West Virginia (CAG/SUN/EEWV), an intervenor in the case, filed a request by the Executive Director of each organization for a public comment hearing.

DISCUSSION

The Commission will hold a public comment hearing on September 24, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room of the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Given the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, masks are encouraged. Because of the short

¹ For a complete procedural history, see previous orders and filings in this case found on the Commission web docket at www.psc.state.wv.us.

period of time between the request for public comment hearing and the actual hearing, the Commission will provide notice of this public comment hearing on its website and by press release.

The Commission will hold the evidentiary hearing on the issues raised in the Petition to Reopen and responses following the public comment hearing. The evidentiary hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. The parties should be prepared to provide testimony and/or oral argument on all issues raised. To clarify, parties will have the opportunity to cross-examine any witness on the stand. If parties other than the Companies decide to provide witness testimony, those witnesses may testify with or without pre-filed testimony. An agreed order of witnesses should be filed on or before September 21, 2021.

We note that the directors of CAG/SUN/EEWV requested the public comment hearing. CAG/SUN/EEWV is an intervenor in this case. It is unclear from the request for a public comment hearing if CAG/SUN/EEWV desires to have its members provide public comment or if it was requesting a public comment hearing on behalf of the general public. It is not typically our practice to allow a party to make public comment because of their ability to fully participate in the case. Given the short timeframe, however, the Commission will allow CAG/SUN/EEWV members and any other members of the public to make public comment if they choose to do so.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a public comment hearing will be held in this case on September 24, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room of the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Masks are encouraged. The evidentiary hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the same date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Secretary of the Commission serve a copy of this Order by electronic service on all parties of record who have filed an e-service agreement, by United States First Class Mail on all parties of record who have not filed an e-service agreement, and on Staff by hand delivery.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Graley".

Connie Graley, Executive Secretary

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