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July 3, 2024

# VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Application of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC Pursuant 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the East Germantown-Germantown 115 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project Located in Mount Joy, Germany, and Union Townships, Adams County, Pennsylvania Docket No. A-2024-\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a Notice of Filing advising that Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT") is filing the above-captioned Application, seeking the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("Commission") approval to site and construct the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line in Adams County, Pennsylvania. This Notice of Filing is being served on you in accordance with Section 57.74(c) of the Commission's regulations.

Sincerely,

Garrett P. Len

GPL/dmc Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.74(c).

# VIA CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pennsylvania Field Office 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101 State College, Pennsylvania 16801 Attn: Lesa Lindsay

Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office Historical and Museum Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Second Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0053 Attn: Ms. Andrea Lowery, Executive Director

Pennsylvania Game Commission 2001 Elmerton Avenue Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9797 Attn: Director, Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Center Region Office 595 East Rolling Ridge Drive Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823-9620 Attn: Chief, Natural Diversity Section Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-8767 Attn: Ecological Services Section Chief

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Fifth Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 Attn: Office of Chief Counsel

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# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF MID-ATLANTIC : INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC : FILED PURSUANT TO 52. PA. CODE : CHAPTER 57, SUBCHAPTER G, FOR : APPROVAL OF THE SITING AND : CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST : GERMANTOWN-GERMANTOWN 115 : KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE : PROJECT IN MOUNT JOY, GERMANY : AND UNION TOWNSHIPS, ADAMS : COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA :

DOCKET NO. A-2024-\_\_\_\_

# NOTICE OF FILING PURSUANT TO

# 52 PA. CODE § 57.74 (c)

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Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT") hereby submits Notice that the above-captioned Application has been filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"). The purpose of the Application is to seek Commission approval of the siting and construction of the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project located in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.74(c), you are receiving this Notice because you are the record owner of property within the right-of-way, or represent a Federal, state or local entity identified under 52 Pa. Code § 57.74(c). You are not required to appear or participate in this matter, but you may request Commission permission to intervene.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

In this Project, FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company ("FE PA") has requested MAIT to provide transmission service to the proposed 115-13.2 kV East Germantown Mod Substation ("East Germantown Substation"). To accommodate FE PA's needs, MAIT has performed an evaluation of the existing 115 kV transmission system in the area surrounding the proposed location for the East Germantown Substation.

The proposed Project involves the construction of a new single circuit 115 kV transmission line from the existing Germantown Substation, located in Mount Joy Township, approximately 3.5 miles to the proposed new East Germantown Substation, located in Union Township, Pennsylvania. As the proposed transmission line exits Germantown Substation, it will extend approximately 0.5 miles in a newly acquired 120-foot right-of-way ("ROW") and utilize an existing 120-foot ROW for approximately 1.2 miles as it extends towards the existing Conastone-Huntertown 500 kV 5013 Transmission Line ROW. At this juncture, the proposed transmission line will be located within the existing Conastone-Huntertown 500 kV 5013 Transmission Line ROW as it extends generally east towards the proposed location for the East Germantown Substation for approximately 1.8 miles.

The proposed Project will provide FE PA with a new transmission source which will allow for increased capacity to support the load growth in the area on the existing distribution system. The Project will improve reliability and enhance service for FE PA customers. Subject to the Commission approval, construction on the Project is scheduled to begin on or about May 12, 2025, to meet an in-service date on or about October 8, 2025.

### ROUTE FOR THE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

MAIT undertook a detailed siting analysis of feasible alternatives for the East Germantown-Germantown Transmission Line Project. The goal of the siting analysis was to determine the most suitable route for a new 115 kV transmission line to connect the new Germantown Substation, located in Union Township, to the existing East Germantown Substation northwest, located in Mount Joy Township. Both locations reside in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

The feasible Alternative Routes were compared, and a Proposed Route was selected based upon a detailed analysis and balance of human/built concerns, environmental impacts, and engineering and constructability considerations. Based on this detailed evaluation process, MAIT selected "Alternative Route A" as the Proposed Route for the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project because it was the overall best alternative to minimize potential impacts of the transmission line.

The Proposed Route extends approximately 3.5 miles. A general description of the Proposed Route is provided below:

- From the proposed East Germantown Substation on Basehoar Road in Union Township, the route would extend northwest parallel to the Conastone-Hunterstown 500 kV corridor for 1.0 mile to Littlestown Road. The initial section of the route would extend across a large agricultural area but then be in close proximity to a home located along Littlestown Road.
- Continuing to the northwest, the Proposed Route would span Littlestown Road and extend for 0.20 mile to White Hall Road. This section would pass through a residential community bordering Spring Hill Lane.

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- From White Hall Road, the route extends for 0.63 mile to a farm field north of Feeser Road, where the route turns to the southwest and away from the Conastone-Hunterstown 500 kV corridor. Most of this alignment spans agricultural lands and near two farmhouse complexes but would also pass through a forested area near the Feeser Road crossing. Feeser Road also marks the border into Germany Township.
- From this turn, the route extends southwest for 0.87 mile to Roberts Road, which is bordered by low density residential development. This section spans agricultural lands, Locust Lane, which is lined by a few residential homes, and an emergent wetland area. Roberts Road also marks the border with Mount Joy Township.
- Continuing to the southwest, the route extends for 0.80 mile to the Germantown Substation located on the south side of State Route 97 (Baltimore Pike). This section spans a short length of Alloway Creek, crosses over more agricultural lands, and through two forested areas. Several emergent and forested wetland areas are located along this alignment.

The right-of-way for the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project is generally 75-120 feet in width. There are a total of 22 deeded properties crossed by the route selected for the proposed East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project. MAIT has obtained easements with all affected landowners.

# MAP

Maps showing the route selected for the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project are enclosed.

### EXAMINATION

A complete copy of the Application for the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project is available for examination at the following link:

https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\_projects/pennsylvania/east-germantown.html

### PARTICIPATION

You are not required to appear or participate in this matter, but you may request Commission permission to intervene. To intervene as a formal party to this proceeding, you should file a petition to intervene with the Secretary of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265. The petition to intervene should state your alleged right or interest to participate in the formal proceeding. A copy of the petition to intervene should be served on the undersigned counsel for MAIT.

# QUESTIONS

In the event you have any questions concerning the proposed Project you may reach out to transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com or contact a company representative at 888-311-4737. Please reference the East Germantown-Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project in all communications. Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 3, 2024

Mary E. Anderson By:

Mary E. Anderson Transmission Siting Supervisor FirstEnergy Service Company



- Proposed Centerline
- - Proposed Route Right of Way
- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Transmission Lines
- 115kV 161kV
- Below 100kV

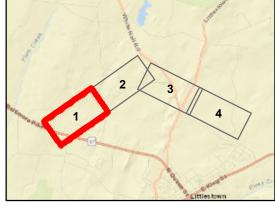
Notes 1. Proposed centerline digitized from proposed structure locations provided by First Energy November 2023.



NAD 1983 State Plane Pennsylvania South FIPS 3702 Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic Linear Unit: US Foot

References: Parcel Boundaries (Adams County 2022) ExistingTransmission Network (PowerMap 2012) Google Maps Satellite (3/2020)

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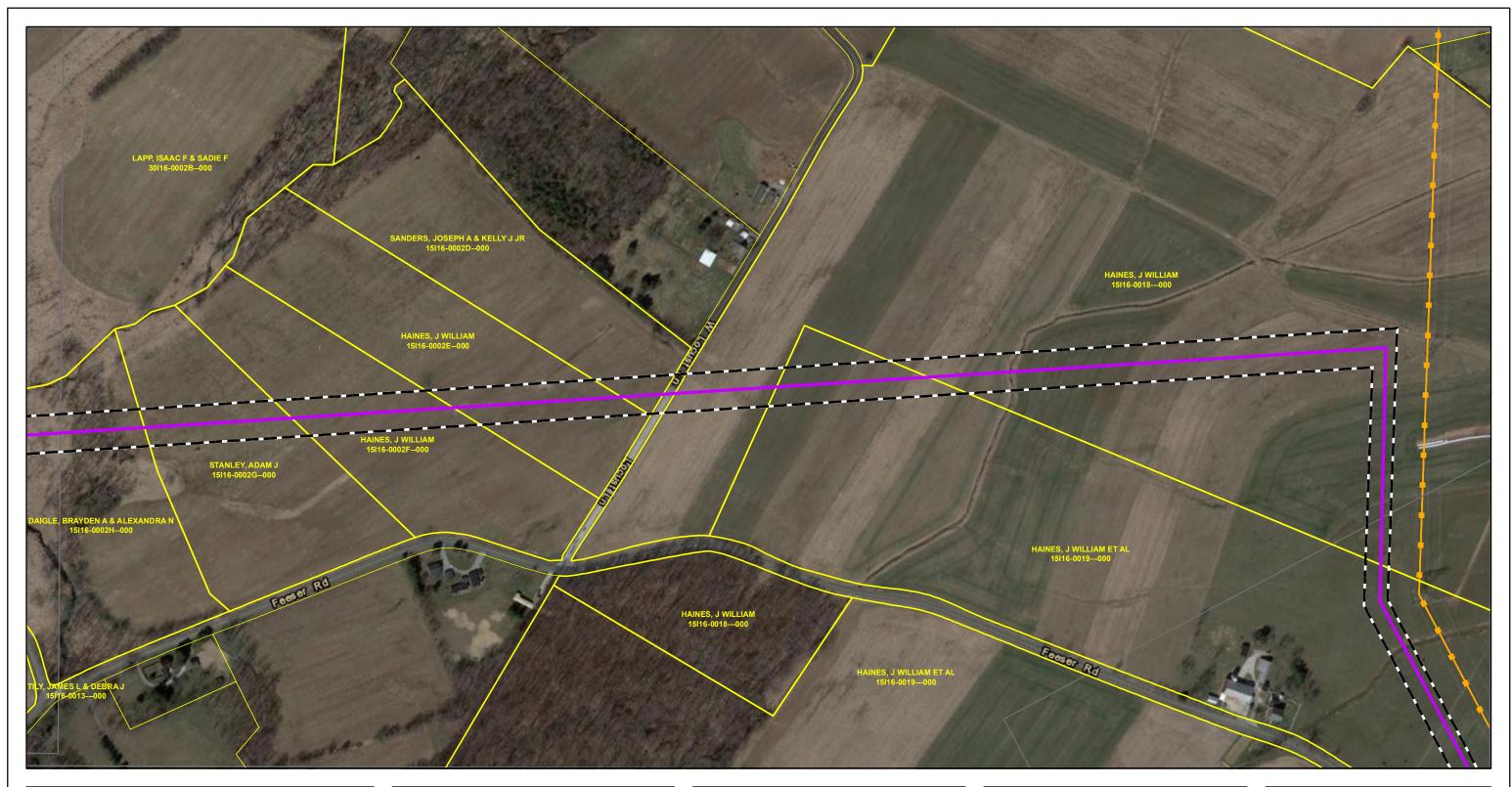




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East Germantown - Germantown 115 kV Transmission Line Project Adams County, Pennsylvania

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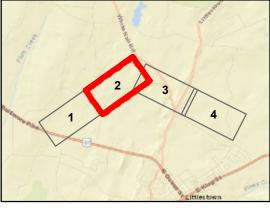
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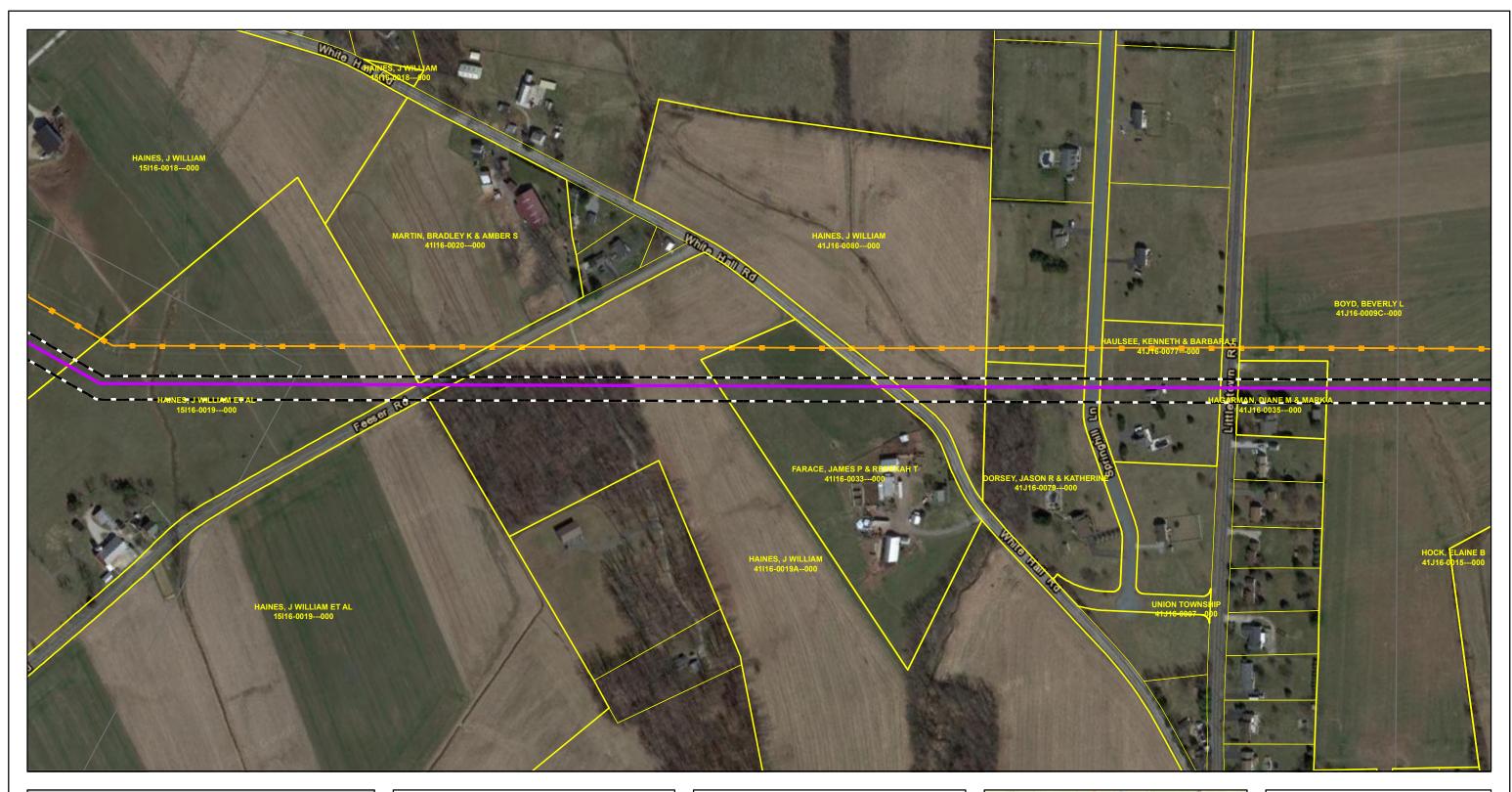




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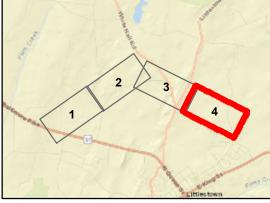


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