

Lower Makefield Township
Electric Reliability Committee (ERC)
November 12, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dan Grenier
Bernard Griga
Jason McFarland
John Kingham
Lee Pedowicz

The November 12, 2020 virtual meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Electric Reliability Committee (ERC) was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Kingham.

Agenda: The meeting agenda is appended to these minutes. ([Attachment 1](#)).

- 1) Approval of past minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2020 were approved. (Pedowicz, Griga).
- 2) Apologies: Jason Simon:** The committee was unanimous in wishing Jason Simon well after his recent surgery.
- 3) The way forward for the ERC**
 - a) Revised letter to BOS (Board of Supervisors) of June 3, 2019 to the BOS**

It was agreed to shelve the matter of the letter and proceed to item 4 on the agenda.

4) PECO

a) Contact with the PUC

Mr. Pedowicz explained how he had contacted the PUC by registering his concern online about a PECO power line in the vicinity of Stony Hill Road. He had previously contacted PECO on several occasions without result but, shortly after his contact with the PUC, PECO addressed the issue. It was agreed that Chairman Kingham will do the same and ask the PUC questions about the metrics for PECO in the 2019 PUC reliability report.

Mr. Grenier stated that he would follow up with his contact at the PUC to see whether there is anything of relevance to PECO and LMT beyond what is in the preliminary release of the 2019 Reliability Report.

b) Contact with PECO:

Mr. Kingham stated that, even though at the October meeting he had undertaken to contact Nicole Levine (PECO VP of Electric Operations), after consideration he had decided it would be more productive to request a virtual meeting with the PECO regional management. To this end a draft letter was presented which, with amendments discussed and agreed at this meeting, is appended as attachment 2.

Mr. Griga questioned whether a copy of the letter should be sent to our elected State officials (Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren). Mr. Grenier advised the committee not to send it beyond the Board at this stage since it would be sent to our State officials after review by the BOS.

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5) Other Items:

- a) In the absence of Mr. Simon there was no discussion on the “we are customers” theme suggested by Mr. Simon at the October meeting.
- b) In answer to a question from Mr. Pedowicz regarding a wider utility role for the committee to include the sewer and water companies, Mr. Grenier confirmed that there has not been any further discussion on the matter
- c) In answer to a question from Mr. McFarland about the letter of June 3, 2019 Mr. Grenier advised that there has been no further action.

6) Next Meeting: It was agreed that a December meeting will depend on the availability of time slots which will be followed up by Mr. Kingham with the Township. If nothing is available the next regular ERC meeting will be on January 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

7) Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Attachments:

- 1. Agenda
- 2. Letter of November 12, 2020 to the BOS

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Attachment 1

ERC Agenda Nov 12, 2020 Meeting – 7:30pm LMT Remote:

1. Approval of minutes of October 10, 2020 meeting - Kingham
2. Apologies Kingham
3. The way forward for the ERC
 - I. Revised letter to BOS – Grenier
4. PECO
 - I. Contact with PUC
 - II. Contact with PECO
 - i. Request PECO virtual presentation to LMT to include:
 1. Smart meter program - status
 2. PECO outage communications – inaccuracies
 3. Status of PECO infrastructure in LMT
 - a. Changes since 2015?
 - b. Have the upgrades to the northern part of LMT performed as expected
 4. Vegetation
 5. Underground vs overhead distribution
 6. Planned upgrades?
5. Other items
6. Set date, time, place for next ERC meeting
7. Motion for adjournment

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Attachment 2:

Supervisor D. Grenier
Lower Makefield Township
1100 Edgewood Road
Yardley
PA 19067

November 12, 2020

Dear Mr. Grenier,

Re: Electric Reliability – PECO Virtual Meeting

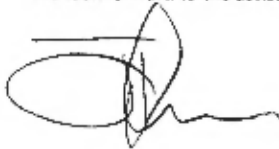
As discussed with you at the Electric Reliability Committee (ERC) on November 12, 2020 I am writing to seek the assistance of the Board in establishing a virtual meeting with PECO.

From our communications with PECO in years past, notably with Mr. Ted Dorand and representatives of the PECO engineering department, we believe that, given the recent spate of power outages, it is now time to reacquaint ourselves with PECO in a virtual meeting with the following questions/topics on the agenda:

1. The status of the smart meter program with an emphasis on the reliability metrics being gathered by the new system.
2. PECO outage communications – inaccuracies and misleading information.
3. Status of the PECO infrastructure in LMT
 - a. Upgrades since 2015?
 - b. Have the changes to the PECO distribution system in the northern part of LMT performed as expected?
 - c. Status of the vegetation trimming program?
 - d. Underground vs. overhead distribution - are underground system failures becoming more prevalent?
 - e. Any planned upgrades such as overhead primary hardening against tree damage?

In 2019 Mr. Dorand requested that all future communications go through the Township. Consequently, we are asking for your assistance in setting up a virtual meeting with the audience limited to the ERC and Township officials.

We look forward to the assistance of the Board.



John Kingham
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