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PSC Orders Further Tolling of PATH

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) issued an order denying motions to dismiss the Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) case, further tolling the statutory due date and adopting a revised procedural schedule.

PATH is a proposed 225 mile, 765kV electric transmission line and related facilities that, if constructed as currently proposed, would cross through fourteen counties in West Virginia as well as parts of Maryland and Virginia.

On December 10, 2010, Commission Staff filed a Motion to Dismiss the filing as insufficient or, in the alternative, require PATH to request a tolling. The Joint Applicants filed a response, objecting to the Motion to Dismiss and requesting that the Commission further toll the running of the statutory suspension period so that they could produce additional and more current information to the Commission.

The revised procedural schedule calls for the evidentiary hearing to run from October 11, to October 26, 2011. The deadline for the Commission's decision is now February 9, 2012.

In today's order, the Commission stated that it was reluctantly denying the Motion to Dismiss and that all parties should proceed with the understanding that the Commission "intends to complete the case within the revised deadline."

More information, including a copy of the Commission Order and the Joint Stipulation, may be obtained by accessing the Commission's website,

<http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/WebDocket/viewcaseforwebsearch.cfm>, and referencing Case Number 09-0770-E-CN.