

Lower Makefield Township
Electric Reliability Committee (ERC)
June 29, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristin Tyler
Bernard Griga
John Kingham
James Kirlin

Apologies: None

The June 29, 2017 meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Electric Reliability Committee (ERC) was called to order at 7:10 PM in the offices of the Lower Makefield Township 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 March 9, 2017 were approved. (Griga/Kirlin).
- 2. PECO Meeting June 8, 2017**

Chairman Kingham summarized the meeting with PECO on June 8 with Ted Dorand (Bucks External Affairs Manager) and Steven Singh (Director of Electric Operations for Bucks/Montgomery) as positive and encouraging.

PECO responded to written issues previously raised by Supervisor Tyler as follows:

- a. Identify recent work performed in and affecting LMT, impact of recloser effectiveness, equipment upgrades, etc:**

Specific examples were provided by PECO, notably the renewal of the underground cable feeding the Heller Drive area off of Dolington Road. PECO also stated that an additional \$1.3M had been spent in LMT on top of the \$10M spent on the improvement work since 2015.

- b. Discuss how recurrent outage neighborhoods were benefitted by the recent work:**

PECO stated that a review of the reliability data over the past twelve months showed a marked improvement within LMT and Yardley Borough.

- c. Identify future work to be performed in and affecting LMT power reliability:**

The work now underway to replace the existing substations north along the canal to Washington Crossing was described. PECO stated that it is upgrading the distribution

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voltage from 4kV to 34kV (34,000 volts) and that it is reconfiguring the system to achieve faster power restoration in the event of an outage.

Mr. Dorand emphasized that, in carrying out tree trimming as part of the work, PECO has had an excellent response from residents granting permission for access to trees on private property.

d. Discuss recent DSIC (distribution system improvement charge) and how it will be utilized in and around LMT:

PECO stated that the DSIC charge has been approved by the PUC but details of the \$250M program, which covers the whole of the PECO service region, will not be known for a year or so.

e. Smart meter update and implications:

PECO confirmed that the smart meter program has been completed. However, PECO added that, while the automated feedback from its consumers meters is having a positive impact as far as power outage detection is concerned, PECO still needs its customers to call in the event of a power interruption.

f. PECO's 5 year infrastructure improvement plan in LMT and surrounding area:

It was agreed that this request was covered under item 2.c.

g. Regular exchange of quarterly reports and request for prior 3 years of quarterlies:

PECO handed over reports from the immediate past quarters and provided the links to the PUC website where the Quarterly Reports are filed.

h. Regular communication between PECO and LMT:

PECO stated that it is open to calls from LMT, including members of the ERC, on the mutual understanding that the calls will not be too time consuming.

3. Other Items:

a. Issues raised by Mr. R. Adams

Mr. Adams attended the ERC meeting and raised items related to the PECO service to his residence on Taylorsville Road. He showed the letter that he and other residents had received from PECO describing the work being done to improve the electric power reliability in his area. The improvements were detailed by PECO at the June 8 meeting

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with LMT and are summarized under item 2.c. above. The PECO letter is appended to these minutes as Attachment 2.

The PECO letter included a fact sheet titled “Enhancing Electric Service Reliability...” It described the 34kV installation and the scope of work being carried out. Mr. Adams drew attention to the map that was included with the letter which outlined the “Enhancement Project Area”. The map is included with Attachment 2.

Mr. Adams told the meeting that he had talked with personnel carrying out the work and, contrary to his understanding of the work scope, he had been told that the improvements would not include the service to his residence. He had also had the fact confirmed by an email from R. Martin of PECO.

Mr. Adams was told that his grievance had been discussed with PECO at the June 8 meeting. At that time PECO confirmed that the work would not include the service line behind his home but that he would benefit from the reliability enhancement work affecting the area in general. From this, the ERC concluded that, in all likelihood, there is confusion between the workscope that the PECO fact sheet was intended to convey and the actual work being carried out in the vicinity of Mr. Adam’s residence.

At the June 8 meeting PECO said that it would contact Mr. Adams again to clarify the intended scope of work.

The discussion with Mr. Adams was concluded with an undertaking by the committee Chairman to walk the area with him to gain a better understanding of his grievance.

4. Next ERC Meeting:

It was agreed that the next ERC meeting will depend on any new developments concerning electric power supply reliability.

5. Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Attachments:

1. [Agenda](#)
2. [PECO Electric Service Reliability Enhancement Fact Sheet](#)

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ERC Agenda Jun 29, 2017 Meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of Mar 9, 2017 meeting
2. PECO Meeting June 8, 2017

Issues, concerns and LMT requirements addressed by PECO:

- a. Identify recent work performed in and affecting LMT including equipment upgrades etc
 - b. Discuss how recurrent outage neighborhoods were benefitted by the recent work
 - c. Identify future work to be performed in and affecting LMT power reliability
 - d. Discuss recent DSIC (distribution system improvement charge) and how it will be utilized in and around LMT
 - e. Smart meter update and implications
 - f. PECO's 5 year infrastructure improvement plan in LMT and surrounding area
 - g. Regular exchange of quarterly reports and request for prior 3 years of quarterlies
 - h. Regular communication between PECO and LMT
3. Other items
 - a. Issues raised by Mr. R. Adams
 4. Set date, time, place for next ERC meeting
 5. Motion for adjournment

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Dear Customer.

Every day, PECO is driving innovation and advancing smart energy to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and clean energy and energy services for our customers. This letter contains important information about an upcoming electric system enhancement project *in* your area.

As part of our work, new poles and aerial electrical equipment will be installed. and enhanced tree trimming will occur along area streets. Work is expected to begin in October of 2016 and run through the fall of 2017.

You are receiving this letter because you live, do business or own property near the project area. Enclosed is a fact sheet with more information about our work

If you have any questions please contact Rand i Martin at 215-956-3113 or randi.martin@exeloncom.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven L. Singh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "L".

Steven Singh

Director Regional Electrical Operations, PECO

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Fact Sheet

Enhancing Electric Service Reliability for Customers (n Upper Makefield and Lower Makefield townships and Yardley Borough

This fact sheet contains important information about PECO's upcoming work to install advanced equipment and modernize our system to ensure continued safe, reliable, affordable , and clean energy and energy services for our customers.

Background

We continuously monitor our electric system performance to identify projects to help ensure safe and reliable service. As part of this work, we will be enhancing the local electric system to continue to meet the needs of our customers In Upper Makefield and Lower Makefield townships and Yardley Borough.

This project is part of PECO's System 2020 plan to invest an additional \$274 million during the next five years to install advanced equipment and reinforce the future electric system, making it more weather resistant and less vulnerable to storm damage. This investment is in addition to \$500 *million* in ongoing system work completed each year, including replacing equipment and upgrading infrastructure.

About the Project:

- We are investing more than \$8 million to enhance the local electric distribution system for more than 3,500 customers in your neighborhood.
- As part of this project, existing 4-kilovolt (kV) electric distribution circuits will be upgraded to 34kV.
- We will be upgrading and installing new equipment in your area, including new utility poles, new aerial wire and new devices known as reclosers. These reclosers reduce the number of customers affected if an outage does occur by automatically rerouting power.
- This project also will include additional tree trimming and tree removals to reduce the number of outages caused by trees and other vegetation.
- Work will occur along the roads within the designated project area on the map , {see reverse).
- Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2016 and will occur from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The project is expected to be completed by November 2017, and work will .be

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performed by a qualified PECO contractor.

What does this mean for customers?

- Because much of this work will be completed on area sidewalks and roadways, PECO will work closely with members of the community and local officials to minimize the impact as much as possible.
- Crews also may need to temporarily interrupt electric service to safely complete some of this work. We will work with customers to ensure they are informed in advance of our activities and any planned outages.

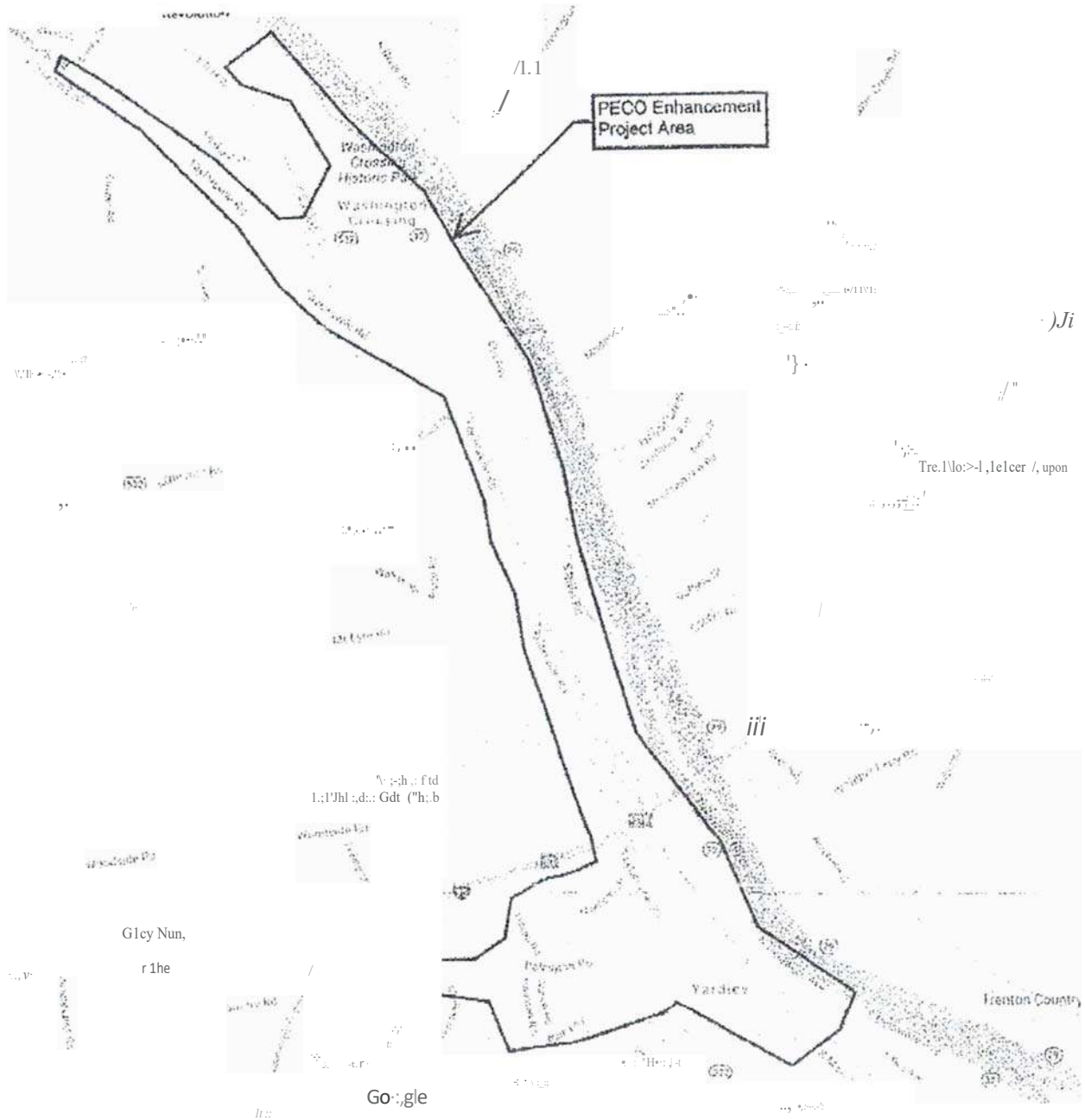
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Map of planned work

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Commitment to Community

We are dedicated to keeping you informed about our work and receiving your feedback. If you have any questions about this work, please contact Randi Martin at

215-956-3113 or randi.martin@ernlncorp.com.