

# Memo

To: West Virginia Coal Association, Inc. (“WVCA”)  
From: Jacob C. Altmeyer, Esq.  
Date: April 13, 2026  
Re: Mon Power Gas Plant Case (Case No. 26-0108-E-CN)

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This memorandum addresses the content of the application for prior consent and approval and for a certificate of need and necessity for construction of a 1,200 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine plant and 70 MW of solar power capacity (collectively referred to as the “Application” and/or the “Gas Plant Project”) filed by Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (hereinafter collectively “Mon Power”) with the West Virginia Public Service Commission (hereinafter the “WVPSC”).

## APPLICATION SUMMARY

See below a summary of key points from the Application filed by Mon Power:

- The Application seeks approval to construct a 1,200 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine plant and 70 MW of solar capacity
- Due to alleged customer and data center growth, Mon Power forecasts a capacity shortfall beginning in 2029, which reaches 1,029 MW by 2045
  - Earthjustice testimony in IRP case states that the additional growth rests entirely upon 2 data centers being installed that have no contracts in place and cannot be assumed
- The new gas plant will cost \$2.48 billion to construct and will be located on a previously unused portion of the Fort Martin location, and would be completed and in service by 12/31/2031

- The proposed gas plant will not replace or supplant the existing coal plant located at the Fort Martin site
- John Deskins provided testimony in support of Mon Power estimating that the project will generate:
  - \$258.5 million in tax revenue during construction and \$51,000 annually thereafter
  - That once operational, the gas plant will support nearly \$772 million in total spending in WV annually (which includes \$236 million for purchase of gas from WV firms)
    - 2019 report estimates \$605 million without including purchase of WV coal
  - Only 25 employees to operate the plant (\$7.7 million in wages annually)
    - 2019 report estimates 236 direct jobs at Ft. Martin and \$50 million in direct wages
  - Estimates that plant will “support 1,017 additional indirect jobs (\$83 million in wages annually)
    - All likely to be paid and employed with or without the plant
  - Remaining “annual operational spending” includes the purchase of gas from WV firms (\$236 million)
    - Purchases would occur with or without the plant
- They also emphasize that the new plant will assist Governor Morrissey’s 50-50 goal

#### INTERVENING PARTIES

The following parties have intervened in the case:

- The West Virginia Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO
  - Hissam Forman Donovan Ritchie (Max Gottlieb & Andrew Tessman)
- The Consumer Advocate Division
- Earthjustice
- The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia
  - Spilman (Susan Riggs & Dave Yaussy)
- Longview Power and Mountain State Clean Energy (jointly)
  - Bowles Rice (Marc Mignault & James Kelsh)
- United Mine Workes of America
  - In-house counsel (Kevin Fagan)
- West Virginia Chamber of Commerce
  - In-house counsel (Kaitlynn Pytlak-Morra)
- West Virginia Manufacturer’s Association
  - Spilman (Jason Wandling & Caroline Clark Green)
- West Virginia Coal Association
- West Virginia Energy Users Group
  - Spilman (Williamson-Grundmann-Lee-Bailey)

## CASE SCHEDULE

On March 17, 2026, the WVPSC entered an Order setting a hearing date and establishing the following expedited procedural schedule:

- Direct Testimony of Intervenors:      May 29, 2026
- Discovery Request Deadline:            June 12, 2026
- Rebuttal Testimony:                      June 26, 2026
- Agreed Order of Witnesses:            July 2, 2026
- Hearing Date:                                July 16 & 17, 2026