

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
WESTERN DISTRICT**

CHARLES JOHNSON AND LAURA JOHNSON,	:	No. 191 WAL 2025
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Respondents	:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal
	:	from the Order of the
v.	:	Commonwealth Court
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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION,	:	
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Petitioner	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 31st day of December, 2025, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issues, as stated by petitioners, are:

- (1) Did the Commonwealth Court commit an error of law by concluding that a regulated public utility's conduct in providing notice regarding siting of a proposed transmission line and eminent domain to an affected property owner is not within the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1501, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1501, of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code?
- (2) Did the Commonwealth Court abuse its discretion by precluding the Commission from enforcing its own regulations concerning transmission line siting (see 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71-57.77) and disclosure of eminent domain power for the purpose of acquiring a transmission right-of-way (see 52 Pa. Code § 57.91) and instead permitting a trial court to make determinations as to the reasonableness of a public utility's conduct related to these issues?

We also hereby direct the parties to address the following additional issue in their briefs to this Court:

Whether the Commonwealth Court had jurisdiction to consider the propriety of the common pleas court's referral decision, where the Commission did not decide the question referred to it by the common pleas court and, instead, marked the matter closed after the complainants failed to proceed with their complaint?