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July 18, 2012

Mr. Robert F. Powelson, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
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Docket No. R-2012-2290597

Dear Chairman Powelson:

On behalf of Pennsylvanian's who rely on electricity supplied by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, I write to oppose PPL's request for a rate increase. PPL highlights reduced consumption and reliability as justifications for its proposed rate increase. However, its justifications fail to coincide with its positions on issues relating to Act 129 and Default Service.

On June 25, 2012, PPL submitted comments regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program -- Docket Nos. M-2012-2289411 and M-2008-2069887 -- in which it supports the commission's decision to delay further demand response targets until the cost effectiveness of such programs can be determined.

I believe reduced consumption is insufficient justification for a rate increase when the same entity is utilizing the excuse of costs borne by consumers for implementing programs that reduce costs and consumption as an excuse to retard their implementation.

It is also my understanding that the commission is opposed to proposed amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines. It must be questioned whether distributed, behind-the-meter generation's ability to shave peak demand and significantly reduce the price of wholesale market clearing prices played a part in this decision. The Commonwealth should be open to -- not shutting the door -- to options that reduce the cost of power and enhance "reliability" (Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0708).

When you examine the attempts to modify default service procurement requirements, there appears to be a pattern developing whereby anything that raises revenue for investor-owned utilities is good for consumers and anything that reduces consumer bills is bad for them. I must be foolish to think that whatever leaves more money in consumers' pockets is good for them; but what do they know, they can barely pay their bills.

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Sincerely,

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