**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission : R-2012-2290597

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Office of Consumer Advocate : C-2012-2300266

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Office of Small Business Advocate : C-2012-2301063

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PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance : C-2012-2306728

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William Andrews : C-2012-2300402

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Eric Joseph Epstein : C-2012-2313283

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Dave A. Kenney : C-2012-2299539

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Roberta A. Kurrell : C-2012-2304870

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John G. Lucas : C-2012-2298593

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Helen Schwika : C-2012-2299335

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v.. : :

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :

**ORDER DIRECTING SHORTENED RESPONSE TIME TO THE PETITION TO REOPEN THE RECORD FILED BY PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION**

On March 30, 2012, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric or Company) filed Supplement No. 118 to Tariff Electric – Pa. PUC No. 201, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce approximately $104.6 million in additional annual revenues. This proposed rate change represents an average increase in the Company's distribution rates of approximately 13%, which equates to an average increase in total rates (distribution, transmission, and generation charges) of approximately 2.9%. Supplement No. 118 was proposed to take effect on June 1, 2012. The filing was suspended by Commission Order entered May 24, 2012.

Formal complaints against this proposed tariff have been filed by: the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA), PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance (PPLICA), William Andrews, Eric Joseph Epstein, Dave A. Kenney, Roberta Kurrell, Donald Leventry[[1]](#footnote-1), John G. Lucas, and Helen Schwika. Petitions to intervene were filed by the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO), Direct Energy Services LLC (Direct Energy), Dominion Retail, Inc. d/b/a Dominion Energy Solutions (DR), Granger Energy of Honey Brook LLC and Granger Energy of Morgantown LLC (collectively Granger or Granger Energy), the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1600 (IBEW), and the Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF). The Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) filed a Notice of Appearance. All petitions to intervene were granted without opposition.

Following a prehearing conference on Thursday, May 31, 2012, a scheduling order was issued on June 1, 2012, which adopted the schedule that the parties agreed to at the prehearing conference, Five public input hearings were scheduled and held to hear testimony of those persons who wish to provide evidence.

On June 11, 2012, the Company filed a Motion for a Protective Order. No party filed a responsive pleading, and the protective order was granted on July 3, 2012. On July 13, 2012, Richards Energy Group, Inc. (REG), filed a Petition to Intervene Out-of-Time, and by email, asked for an extension to file direct testimony. No responsive pleading was filed, and the intervention was granted by Order issued July 26, 2012.

The evidentiary hearings were held on August 6, 7 and 9, 2012.

On August 29, 2012, the parties filed main briefs, and in addition, PPL Electric filed a Petition to Reopen the Record in order to provide updated information regarding the long-term debt issued on August 24, 2012. This petition is permitted under 52 Pa. Code § 5.571. The regulation also provides for a ten-day response period, which would permit responses until September 8, 2012. As that is a Saturday, the due date would move to the following Monday, September 10, 2012. If served by first-class mail, the parties would have until Tuesday, September 11, 2012. However, the reply briefs are due on September 14, 2012, and the updated information to be provided if the Petition is granted should be available to the parties for their use in the reply briefs. Therefore, this Order shortens the response period to Wednesday, September 5, 2012, for those parties receiving service electronically, and to Friday, September 7, 2012, at NOON, for those parties served by first-class mail.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the response period set by 52 Pa. Code § 5.571 is shortened for the purpose of establishing a due date for responses to the Petition to Reopen the Record filed by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in the above-captioned matter.

2. That parties receiving service by electronic means may file a response to the Petition to Reopen the Record on or before noon on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

3. That parties receiving service by first-class mail may file a response to the Petition to Reopen the Record on or before noon on Friday, September 7, 2012.

4. That any response to the Petition to Reopen the Record filed after the appropriate time in ordering paragraphs 2 and 3, above, shall be disregarded.

Dated: August 30, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Susan D. Colwell

Administrative Law Judge

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1. By letter received June 19, 2012, Mr. Leventry indicated that he did not want to be involved in the litigation and asked that he be removed from the service list. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)