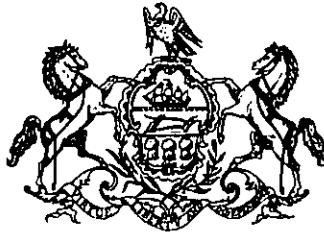


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Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

As you know, on December 28, 2012 PPL Electric Utilities submitted the Northeast-Pocono Reliability Project to the Commission for its review and approval. This filing prompts the PUC to conduct a public hearing to gather input from all citizens or business interests likely to be affected by it.

We write today to urge the PUC to conduct a public hearing at the Thornhurst Volunteer Fire Company in Thornhurst Township, Lackawanna County. This venue is an ideal location to conduct the hearing as the facility has sufficient space to accommodate a hearing of this nature and it offers public access in close proximity to the individuals, families and businesses impacted by the project. Furthermore, many of the residents of the project area have made similar requests of the PUC -- clearly illustrating their desire to host this event and to document the needs and concerns of local residents.

Many of the project area's citizens have taken an active role since the project's inception and have participated in significant local dialogue during PPL's siting process. Many have engaged PPL in an effort to modify the proposed route of the Northeast-Pocono Reliability Project. Their efforts have been thorough and well-studied and the discourse between local citizens and PPL has been both civil and professional. Without question, local citizens are well informed on the intricacies of this project and their input in a public session will be invaluable to the PUC as it advances through its decision-making process.

Given the importance of allowing affected citizens to participate in the review by the PUC, we believe a public hearing in Thornhurst Township is warranted and appropriate as it will allow a more thorough vetting of this proposal. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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