**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission :

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 v. : R-2012-2290597

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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :

**PREHEARING ORDER**

**1st Prehearing Order on the SDER Issue**

 On October 31, 2014, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric or Company) filed Supplement No. 165 to Tariff – Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 201 to become effective January 1, 2015 to implement its initial Storm Damage Expense Rider (SDER) for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

 On November 10, 2014, the PP&L Industrial Alliance (PPLICA) filed a letter in response to the tariff filing identifying concerns and proposing modifications. PPL filed its response on November 24, 2014, requesting that the PPLICA modifications be rejected.

 On December 3, 2014, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a formal Complaint requesting hearings on the tariff filing.

 On December 18, 2014, the Commission suspended the tariff filing at its public meeting pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 1307 until April 20, 2014, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date. By the same Order, the matter was referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge and subsequently, assigned to me.

 Accordingly, a prehearing conference has been scheduled in the above-captioned case for at **1:00 pm Friday, January 9, 2015, in Hearing Room 2**, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA. **If you fail to appear at the prehearing conference, you will be removed from the service list.** The parties are directed to comply with the following:

1. **All parties must serve me directly** (electronically at scolwell@state.pa.us and by hard copy) with any document you file in this proceeding**.** If you send me any document or correspondence, you must send a copy to all other parties in the case. It is not sufficient to file with the Secretary’s Bureau and expect me to receive a copy of your filing. The current service list is attached to this order. The correct address is Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265.

 2. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21-1.23, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted pro hac vice, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted pro hac vice represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall ensure that their appearances are entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

3. Please review the regulation pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code § 5.222. Be prepared to discuss possibilities for settlement, discovery issues, issues relating to the public input and evidentiary hearings that will be held, service among parties and all other procedural issues relevant to this proceeding. In addition, note subsection (d), which provides, in part:

 (d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for a useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. 52 Pa. Code § 5.222.

4. The following matters shall be addressed at the prehearing conference:

(a) Establishment of the official service list, and an informal e-mail distribution list.

(b) Modification of the Commission’s rules pertaining to discovery (52 Pa. Code, Subchapter D) and subpoenas (52 Pa. Code §5.421).

(c) Other matters that may aid in the orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding and the furtherance of justice, including but not limited to the following:

 (1) Simplification of the issues;

 (2) The obtaining of admissions as to, or stipulations of, facts not in dispute, or the authenticity of documents which might properly shorten the hearing;

 (3) Limitations as to the number of witnesses.

 (4) Limitations of time and scope for direct and cross-examinations

5. The following schedule will be adopted unless the parties agree upon and submit an alternate schedule which is found to be acceptable:

Prehearing conference January 9, 2015

Direct testimony of Company January 16, 2015

Testimony of other parties January 23, 2015

Evidentiary hearings January 28, 2015

Briefs February 4, 2015

Recommended Decision February 17, 2015

 6. On or before 12:00 p.m., **Wednesday, January 7, 2015,** each litigating party shall file and serve a prehearing memorandum which shall include a list of the issues and sub-issues in this proceeding which the party intends to address and a statement of the party’s position on each of the issues and sub-issues listed, and the names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses the party expects to call and the subject matter of each witness’ testimony.

 7. Please review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, inter alia, that participants try to initiate discovery as early in the proceeding as possible, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. The parties are expected to pursue resolution of discovery issues among themselves; motions to compel should be filed only after such efforts have failed.

Date: December 18, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Susan D. Colwell

 Administrative Law Judge

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