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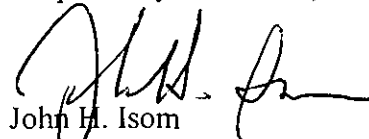
**RE: Letter of Notification Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, With Respect To The Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line and the Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Transmission Line in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2010-**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed, for filing, are an original and six (6) copies of the Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, together with seven (7) copies of the accompanying exhibits and appendices which are contained in a separately-bound volume. Also enclosed is a CD containing copies of the exhibits and appendices.

As indicated on the enclosed certificate of service, copies of the Letter of Notification and accompanying exhibits and appendices are being served by certified mail, return receipt requested upon the involved governmental agencies and municipalities. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the addresses or telephone numbers provided above.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service

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A PENNSYLVANIA PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Re: Letter Of Notification Of PPL Electric :
Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant To 52 :
Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, With : Docket No. A-2010-_____
Respect To The Harwood – Humboldt #2 :
138/69 kV Transmission Line and the :
Harwood – Jenkins #1 138/69 kV :
Transmission Line in Hazle Township, :
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania :

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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”), hereby files, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d), this Letter of Notification to request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approve the re-termination of the existing Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line from the existing 69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation into a proposed 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation, which collectively will require approximately 1,100 feet of new 138/69 kV transmission line to be constructed in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In support thereof, PPL Electric states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

1. This Letter of Notification is filed by PPL Electric, a public utility that provides electric distribution, transmission, and provider of last resort services in Pennsylvania subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. PPL Electric's address is Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101.

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PPL Electric's attorneys are authorized to receive all notices and communications regarding this Letter of Notification.

4. PPL Electric furnishes electric service to approximately 1.4 million customers throughout its certificated service territory, which includes all or portions of twenty-nine counties and encompasses approximately 10,000 square miles in eastern and central Pennsylvania. PPL Electric is a "public utility" and an "electric distribution company" as

defined in Sections 102 and 2803 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 102, 2803.

5. PPL Electric owns approximately 5,000 miles of transmission lines operating at 69 kV (kilovolts) or higher, approximately 330 substations with a capacity of 10 MVA (megavolt amperes) or more, and approximately 43,000 miles of distribution lines operating at less than 69 kV.

6. This Letter of Notification includes the following accompanying attachments:

- Attachment 1 Necessity Statement.
- Attachment 2 Engineering Description.
- Attachment 3 Environmental Assessment.
- Attachment 4 PPL Electric Design Criteria and Safety Practices.
- Attachment 5 PPL Electric Field Management Program.
- Attachment 6 List of Involved Governmental Agencies, Municipalities, and Other Public Entities.

7. PPL Electric proposes to reinforce its 230 kV and 69 kV electrical systems in southern Luzerne County by installing a third 230-69 kV transformer and a new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. To accomplish this reinforcement, PPL Electric proposes to re-terminate the existing Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line from the existing 69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation into the new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation, which collectively will require construction of approximately 1,100 feet of new 138/69 kV transmission line. The installation of a third 230-69 kV transformer and new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation, together with the proposed re-termination of the existing Harwood–Humboldt #2

138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line, is required to improve reliability of service and meet increasing demand in southern Luzerne County.

8. Due to the small size of the transmission lines necessary and the presence of other transmission facilities in the area, it is anticipated that the proposed re-termination of the Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will have minimal incremental impacts on the area.

9. The project will be located entirely on a tract of land that is owned in fee by PPL Electric.

10. The estimated cost for the re-termination of the Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line is approximately \$570,000. Construction is scheduled to commence January, 2011 to meet a required in-service date of November, 2011.

II. PROJECT SUMMARY

11. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will be located entirely in Hazle Township, Luzerne County. An aerial plot plan is provided at the end of Attachment 2 to this Letter of Notification. The plot plan depicts the location of the existing and proposed facilities.

12. The proposed re-termination will involve the relocation of the Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line from the existing 69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation to a new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation. The re-termination of the Harwood–Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line will require the construction of approximately 250 feet of new single-circuit 138/69 kV line. The re-termination of the Harwood–Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will require the construction of approximately 850 feet of new single-circuit 138/69 kV line. The purpose of the proposed reinforcement, including the

proposed re-terminations, is to reinforce the 230 kV and 69 kV electrical systems in southern Luzerne County by installing a third 230-69 kV transformer and a new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation in Hazle Township.

13. A third 230-69 kV transformer and new 138/69 kV yard is needed at the Harwood Substation to relieve projected overloading on the two existing 230-69 kV transformers at the Harwood Substation and to resolve reliability and voltage issues associated with the 69 kV electric system in Luzerne County.

14. PPL Electric's 230 kV and 69 kV electrical systems in southern Luzerne County are served, in part, by the Harwood Substation. Currently, approximately 270 MVA of load is served by the Harwood Substation. The Harwood Substation also receives electricity generated by three independent generators.

15. Presently, the Harwood Substation has both a 230 kV yard and a 69 kV yard. Connected to the existing 230 kV yard are four 230 kV lines¹ and two 230-69 kV transformers, the Harwood T4 Transformer and the Harwood T5 Transformer. The Harwood T4 and T5 Transformers connect with two existing overhead 69 kV lines that supply the existing 69 kV yard.

16. Connected to the existing 69 kV yard are three 69-12 kV transformers, one 69 kV line,² and five 138/69 kV lines,³ including the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and the Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line that are the subject of this Letter of Notification. Figure 1

¹ The Susquehanna-Harwood #1 230 kV Line, Susquehanna-Harwood #2 230 kV Line, Harwood-East Palmerton 230 kV Line, and Siegfried-Harwood 230 kV Line.

² The Harwood-Berwick 69 kV Line.

³ The Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line. (formerly Harwood-Continental), Harwood-East Hazleton #1 138/69 kV Line, Harwood-East Hazleton #2 138/69 kV Line, Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line, and Harwood-Jenkins #2 138/69 kV Line.

to Attachment 1 of this Letter of Notification provides a one-line diagram of all the existing PPL Electric 230 kV, 138/69 kV, and 69 kV transmission facilities at the Harwood Substation.

17. Due to growth in the load served by the Harwood Substation, the existing Harwood T4 and T5 Transformers are projected to overload in excess of their emergency ratings should certain contingencies occur in violation of the reliability standards established by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) and PJM Interconnect LLC, as well as PPL Electric’s Reliability Principles and Practices Manual (“RP&P”). Further, low 69 kV voltage and voltage deviations greater than 5% are projected to occur on five of the existing 138/69 kV lines connected to the Harwood Substation should certain unplanned line and equipment outages occur under peak loading conditions.

18. Specifically, violations are projected to occur on the PPL Electric 230 kV and 69 kV transmission facilities under the following contingencies:

- Loss of either Harwood 230-69 kV transformer could cause an overload on the other Harwood 230-69 kV transformer.
- Loss of the Susquehanna-Harwood #1 230 kV Line could cause an overload on the Harwood T4 Transformer.
- Loss of the north bus in the Harwood 230 kV yard could cause an overload on the Harwood T4 Transformer.
- Loss of the south bus in the Harwood 230 kV yard could cause an overload on the Harwood T5 Transformer.
- Loss of the Susquehanna-Harwood #1 and #2 230 kV Lines could cause an overload on the Hunlock-Berwick 69 kV Line and could cause a voltage drop of between 5 and 10 percent for a significant portion of the load served from the Harwood Substation.

19. Overload conditions above the emergency rating or loss of either of the existing 230-69 kV Harwood T4 or T5 Transformers would ultimately cause a failure to the 138/69 kV lines connected to the 69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation. Further, low voltage levels or

large changes in voltage could disrupt the proper operation of residential customers' appliances, as well as the operation of equipment supporting commercial and industrial businesses. In addition, bus voltages lower than the planning limit of 62 kV could cause unacceptable customer service voltage that would be outside the limits required by Commission regulations. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 57.14.

20. To alleviate these problems, PPL Electric plans to construct and install a new third 230-69 kV transformer, the T6 Transformer, at the Harwood Substation. The new Harwood T6 Transformer will connect with the existing Harwood-East Palmerton 230 kV Line. A new underground 69 kV transmission line will connect the new T6 Transformer to the existing Harwood 69 kV yard.⁴

21. To relieve loading and increase reliability and operating flexibility, PPL Electric also plans to construct and install a new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation, which will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operation, although it initially will operate at 69 kV. The two existing overhead 69 kV lines, which currently connect the 69 kV yard with the T4 and T5 transformers, will be replaced by two new underground 69 kV lines that will connect the 69 kV yard to the T5 and T6 Transformers at the 230 kV yard. PPL Electric plans to re-terminate the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line from the existing 69 kV yard to the new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation. A 750-foot 69 kV Yard Span will be constructed to connect the existing 69 kV yard to the new 138/69 kV yard while the new yard is operated at 69 kV. The Yard Span will be removed at some future date when the new yard will be converted to 138 kV operation.

⁴ No Commission approval is required for transmission lines designed to operate at less than 100 kV or lines that will be constructed underground. See definition of "HV transmission line" at 52 Pa. Code § 57.1, and the regulation defining the scope of chapter on transmission line siting at 52 Pa. Code § 57.71.

22. Finally, PPL Electric plans to split the existing Harwood-Berwick 69 kV Line into the Harwood-Berwick 69 kV Line and the Harwood-Humboldt #1 69 kV Line. Each 69 kV line will terminate in the existing 69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation.

23. Figure 2 to Attachment 1 of this Letter of Notification provides a one-line diagram of the proposed 230 kV, 138/69 kV, and 69 kV transmission facilities at the Harwood Substation.

24. The re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line will require the construction of approximately 250 feet of new single-circuit 138/69 kV line. The re-termination of the Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will require the construction of approximately 850 feet of new single-circuit 138/69 kV line. The re-terminated Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operation, although they will initially operate at 69 kV.

25. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will use steel mono-poles that will be approximately 85-95 feet in height, and which will be installed on concrete foundations or direct embedded, guyed structures. The re-terminated Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will each consist of three power conductors and one overhead ground wire. The power conductors will be 556.5 kcmil (thousands of circular mils),⁵ 24/7 strand ACSR.⁶ The overhead ground wire will be 3/8-inch steel and will provide lightning protection for the re-terminated Lines.

⁵ A circular mil is the cross-sectional area of a wire one mil in diameter, where 1 kcmil = 0.5067 mm².

⁶ Aluminum conductor steel reinforced.

26. The re-terminated Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will be designed to comply with, and will generally surpass, the applicable minimum standards in the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

27. The total estimated cost to design and construct the proposed project is approximately \$15 million, which includes the following: approximately \$12.9 million for the substation work at the Harwood Substation; approximately \$60,000 for relocation of distribution lines; and approximately \$2.1 million for all transmission line work, including the underground 69 kV transmission lines at the Harwood Substation and approximately \$570,000 for the re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line.

28. Construction is scheduled to commence January, 2011 to meet a required in-service date of November, 2011. The required in-service date is the date that the proposed facility must be placed in service to prevent overloads or unacceptable voltage levels that could potentially damage equipment and result in service interruptions to customers.

29. The proposed reinforcement at the Harwood Substation, including the re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line, will be located in Hazle Township, Luzerne County. The new Harwood T6 Transformer, the new 138/69 kV yard, and the re-terminated Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will all be constructed entirely on a 51-acre parcel owned in fee by PPL Electric. Consequently, no additional right-of-way or other property interest is required for the proposed reinforcement.

30. Because the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line collectively will require only 1,100 feet of new 138/69 kV transmission line and will be installed in the vicinity of existing transmission lines as depicted in an aerial plot plan at the end of Attachment 2 to this Letter of Notification, it is anticipated that proposed re-termination will have minimal incremental impacts on the area.

31. Accompanying this Letter of Notification is a separately bound volume containing Attachments 1-6, which provide additional information about the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line. This Letter of Notification and accompanying Attachments, which are incorporated herein by reference, contain all the information required by 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(4).

III. LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

32. PPL Electric is proceeding by means of a Letter of Notification, instead of a full Application, pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d). The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line qualifies for use of a Letter of Notification because the re-termination will require the siting and construction of two new transmission lines that, collectively, will be less than two miles in length.

33. The Necessity Statement for the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line is provided as Attachment 1 accompanying this Letter of Notification. As explained in greater detail therein, the purpose of the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line is to improve the reliability of service and to reduce load on the existing 230 kV and 69 kV facilities serving southern Luzerne County.

34. In determining the need for the project, PPL Electric considered one alternative electrical solution or functional configuration. As an alternative functional configuration to the adding a new 138/69 kV yard at the Harwood Substation, PPL Electric considered replacing multiple breakers in the existing 69 kV yard and rebuilding and expanding the 69 kV yard. However, sometime in the near future PPL Electric anticipates converting most of the 138/69 kV lines connected to the Harwood Substation, which are currently being operated at 69 kV, to 138 kV operation. Therefore, it would not be economically prudent to spend money to add temporary capacity to the existing 69 kV yard when most of the load will be converted to 138 kV in the near future. In addition, this alternative functional configuration also would have required significant line rerouting, as well as the siting and construction of new transmission lines.

35. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will not create any unreasonable risk of danger to the public health or safety. The re-terminated Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner that meets or surpasses all applicable NESC minimum standards and all applicable legal requirements. Descriptions of NESC standards, PPL Electric's design criteria, and PPL Electric's safety practices are provided in Attachment 4 hereto.

36. The Engineering Description of the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line is provided in Attachment 2 accompanying this Letter of Notification.

37. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will be located entirely on the site for the Harwood Substation, which is owned in fee by PPL Electric. As a result, no additional rights-of-way are necessary for the proposed re-termination.

38. No communication towers, pipelines, or other utilities will be affected by the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line. The nearest airport is approximately 3.6 miles from the Harwood Substation site. PPL Electric will contact the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will not be a hazard to flight operations.

39. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line were reviewed with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The PHMC has determined that, due to the absence of historical sites and the small project size, no further archaeological investigations are required.

40. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will not affect any unique geological, scenic, or natural areas. Further, the pre-terminated Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will not cross any wetlands or other aquatic resources. Some tree clearing is required for the proposed re-termination, and PPL Electric will apply its "Specifications for Initial Clearing and Control of Vegetation on or Adjacent to Electric Right-of-Way Through Use of Herbicides, Mechanical, and Hand Clearing Techniques" to mitigate any impacts. PPL Electric will also acquire and comply with any required soil erosion and sedimentation control permit conditions.

41. PPL Electric has consulted with state and federal agencies to obtain information regarding endangered and threatened species in close proximity to the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line. The Pennsylvania Game Commission has advised in a letter dated May 17, 2010, that all tree cutting activities within the project area shall be limited to the period between November 1st and March 31st to protect the Northern Long-eared Bat, a species of special concern. PPL Electric will comply with this restriction. No other impacts are anticipated and no further coordination is needed for this project.

42. The proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line was reviewed with representatives of Hazle Township and Luzerne County. The Township and the County have no objection to the proposed re-termination.

43. Attachment 6 accompanying this Letter of Notification contains a list of the involved governmental agencies, municipalities, and other public entities. Copies of this Letter of Notification are being served on the agencies listed in Attachment 6 in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(3).

44. Attachment 5 accompanying this Letter of Notification explains PPL Electric's standards for Magnetic and Field Management.

45. As soon as practicable after the filing of this Letter of Notification and the assignment by the Commission of a docket number, PPL Electric will publish notice of the filing in newspapers of general circulation in the area of the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line. Such notice will contain: (a) the date this Letter of Notification was filed with the Commission; (b) a brief

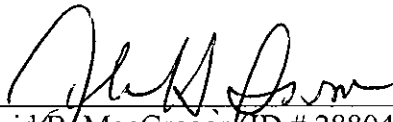
description of the proposed re-termination project and its location; (c) locations where the complete Letter of Notification may be reviewed by the public; and (d) an instruction that the interested parties should contact, within 15 days, Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary at the Commission's Harrisburg address.

46. This Letter of Notification is filed on the date set forth below. As provided in 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(5), the Commission will review and, by order, approve or disapprove this Letter of Notification. If the Commission approves this Letter of Notification, the proposed re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line will be constructed as proposed herein without the formal application process set forth at 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71, *et seq.*

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approve the re-termination of the Harwood-Humboldt #2 138/69 kV Line and Harwood-Jenkins #1 138/69 kV Line in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, that is explained above and in the Attachments hereto.

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VERIFICATION

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I, David G. DeCampli, being the President of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect that PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 8/10/10


David G. DeCampli

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Letter of Notification has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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