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Re: Docket Number M-2011-2196342

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed settlement agreement between PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (M-2011-2196342), as filed on May 20, 2011. Please accept the following as Dollar Energy Fund's formal comments regarding this matter.

Dollar Energy Fund fully supports the terms of the settlement agreement which requires PPL to contribute \$10,000 to its Operation Help hardship fund. This contribution will have a significant impact in addressing the needs of PPL's low-income customers. Applying \$10,000 to the hardship program will help the numerous households within PPL's service territory who are struggling to afford the cost of their monthly electric bills.

Hardship funds are essential to assisting utility consumers during difficult situations. Many of those who receive assistance are hard-working individuals who suddenly find themselves in the midst of a crisis, such as a layoff, medical emergency or other situation beyond their control. A utility assistance grant from a hardship fund could be the difference in keeping a family financially afloat when faced with adversity.

Although Dollar Energy Fund does not administer PPL's Operation Help program, I am encouraged by the Commission's decision to allow for a contribution to a hardship program as part of a settlement agreement. My hope is that the PUC will continue to direct settlement funds to similar programs in the future.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this settlement agreement. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached directly at 412-390-3863 or cdatig@dollarenergy.org.

Sincerely,

Cindy Datig
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