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RE: Phares Hurst v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Docket No. C-2012-2301873

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Motion of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to Defer and Hold in Abeyance the Complaint of Phares Hurst for the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the certificate of service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher T. Wright

CTW/skr

Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service
Kimberly Hafner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Phares Hurst
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Narvon, PA 17555

Date: June 4, 2012



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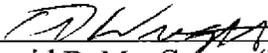
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NOTICE TO PLEAD

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT, PURSUANT TO 52 PA. CODE §§ 5.61(a)(1) AND 5.103(c), YOU MAY ANSWER THE ENCLOSED MOTION WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE. YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265. A COPY SHOULD ALSO BE SERVED ON THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL.

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**MOTION OF
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION
TO DEFER AND HOLD IN ABEYANCE
THE COMPLAINT OF PHARES HURST**

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) hereby files this Motion to defer and hold in abeyance the Complaint of Phares Hurst (“Complainant”) until such time as PPL Electric submits an appropriate filing requesting Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approval of the siting and construction of a proposed transmission line project in the Lancaster region of Pennsylvania. In support thereof, PPL Electric states as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. 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.
2. Complainant is a residential customer of PPL Electric with a service address of 290 E. Maple Grove Road, Narvon, PA 17555.

3. PPL Electric was served with the above-captioned Formal Complaint by a Secretarial Letter dated May 2, 2012. The Complaint raises issues related to the siting and route selection of a transmission line that PPL Electric proposes to construct in the future.

4. On May 11, 2012, PPL Electric filed an Answer to the Complaint asserting, among other things, that Complainant's claims regarding the proposed transmission line project are not ripe and should be dismissed without prejudice, and that Complainant's remedy is to participate in the Commission proceeding when PPL Electric files its request for Commission approval under 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71 – 77. PPL Electric plans to submit an appropriate filing for Commission approval later this year.

5. To the extent that the Commission does not dismiss the Complaint without prejudice, PPL Electric herein requests, in the alternative, that the Complaint be held in abeyance pending the submission by PPL Electric of an appropriate filing seeking approval of the siting and construction of the transmission line so that the two related proceedings can be consolidated and considered together, and so that the proceedings can be adjudicated in an efficient manner on a complete record and with consistent results.

II. ARGUMENT

6. 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.

7. PPL Electric owns approximately 5,000 miles of transmission lines operating at 69 kV (kilovolts) or higher, approximately 375 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.

8. Pursuant to Chapters 15 and 28 of the Public Utility Code, PPL Electric has a statutory obligation to provide adequate, efficient, safe and reasonable service and facilities, and to make all repairs, changes, alterations, substitutions, extensions, or improvements in or to such service or facilities as necessary for the accommodation, convenience, and safety to its customers. PPL Electric is further required to provide reasonably continuous service without unreasonable interruptions or delay.

9. “Electric service is essential to the health and well-being of residents, to public safety and to orderly economic development, and electric service should be available to all customers on reasonable terms and conditions.... Reliable electric service is of the utmost importance to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.” 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 2808(9), (12).

10. On or about April 4, 2012, PPL Electric announced a multiyear project to meet growing demand for electricity and to reinforce the regional electric grid and improve service reliability for homes and businesses in the Lancaster region.

11. The Complaint raises issues related to the siting and route selection of the proposed transmission line, including the alleged adverse effect on real estate values, the alleged risk of danger to the health and safety of the public, and alleged adverse effect on the aesthetics and use of Complainant’s property. The Complaint requests that PPL Electric select an alternative route.

12. The project referenced in the Complaint is still in the planning stage and has not yet been submitted to the Commission for review and approval. No final decision regarding the route for the project has been made. Depending upon the route ultimately chosen for the project, the Complainant’s concerns may become moot.

13. Once the planning has been completed, PPL Electric intends to submit an appropriate filing requesting Commission approval of the siting and construction of the proposed transmission line. PPL Electric will provide the public notices for this project as required by Section 69.3102 of the Commission's Interim Siting Guidelines, 52 Pa. Code § 69.3102. Further, copies of the filing and notifications of filing will be served in accordance with the provisions of Section 57.74 of the Commission's regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 57.74.

14. It is clear that the above-captioned Complaint and the forthcoming filing by PPL Electric are interrelated and raise common issues of law and fact. Because the disposition of each of these matters is interrelated, the consolidation of these proceedings will promote the efficient use of the time and resources of the parties and the Commission. Upon filing the above-mentioned request for Commission approval of the siting and construction of the proposed transmission line, PPL Electric will timely file a motion to consolidate the Complaint with the filing for purposes of hearings and a decision.

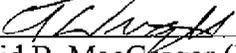
15. Based on the foregoing, the Complaint should be held in abeyance pending the filing by PPL Electric of an appropriate filing requesting Commission approval of the siting and construction of the proposed transmission line so that the two related proceedings can be consolidated and considered together, and so that the proceedings can be adjudicated in an efficient manner on a complete record and with consistent results.

III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric respectfully requests that Complaint of Phares Hurst be deferred and held in abeyance until such time as PPL Electric submits an appropriate filing to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regarding the proposed transmission line project in the Lancaster region of Pennsylvania, at which time PPL Electric will move to consolidate the related proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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