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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 Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles Tap 138/69 kV Transmission Line Reconstruction in Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships, Pike County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2012-**

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 attachments which are contained in a separately-bound volume in the above-referenced proceeding. Also enclosed is a CD containing copies of the Letter of Notification and attachments.

As indicated on the 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 property owners and the involved governmental agencies and municipalities.

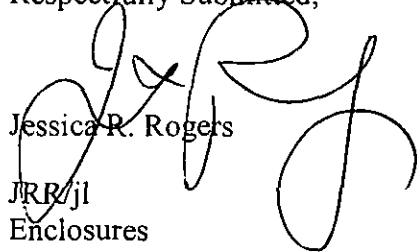
Construction is scheduled to commence as soon as practical following approval by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to meet a required in-service date of November 2013.

PPL Electric is requesting expedited consideration of the above-referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the address or telephone numbers provided above.

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Re: Letter Of Notification Of PPL Electric :
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Damascus, Kimbles Tap 138/69 kV :
Transmission Line Reconstruction in :
Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships, Pike :
County, Pennsylvania :

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

1. 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 siting and reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles Tap 138/69 kV Transmission Line (“Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line”) in Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships, Pike County, Pennsylvania. The proposed reconstruction was reviewed with representatives of Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships and Pike County, and neither the Townships nor the County had any objections. The Project’s required in-service date is November 2013. PPL Electric intends to commence with construction as soon as practical after the Commission approves the Project, in order to accommodate construction limitations related to the presence of a bald eagle nest near the line. As such, PPL Electric requests expedited consideration of this Letter of Notification. This 2.25 mile long reconstruction Project is one of a series of projects in

the surrounding area intended to reinforce the local 138/69 kV system. In support thereof, PPL Electric states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

2. 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.

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

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Accompanying this Letter of Notification is a separately bound volume containing Attachments 1-7, which provide additional information about the proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line:

- 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 Owners of Property within the Right of Way.
- Attachment 7 List of Involved Governmental Agencies, Municipalities, and Other Public Entities.

8. 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).

9. This Project is being undertaken in conjunction with a series of projects in the surrounding area in order to reinforce the local 138/69 kV system in Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships, Pike County.

10. In this Letter of Notification, PPL Electric proposes to rebuild approximately 2.25 miles of the existing Blooming Grove – West Damascus 138/69 kV Tap Line between the Wallenpaupack Hydro Electric Station and Kimbles 69 - 12 kV Substation for double-circuit operation.

11. The estimated cost of this Project is \$2,380,000.

II. PROJECT SUMMARY

12. The existing Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line is located in Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships, Pike County. An aerial exhibit showing the location of the proposed facilities is provided at the end of Attachment 2 to the Letter of Notification. The plot plan depicts the location of the proposed construction route.

13. The reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line will involve the construction of approximately 2.25 miles of transmission line. The line will be designed and built for double-circuit operation. The line will initially operate at 69 kV. The operating voltage will be increased when load growth in the area makes it appropriate to do so.

14. The Necessity Statement for the proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line is provided as Attachment 1 accompanying this Letter of Notification. As explained there, this Project is necessary to comply with the reliability

criteria found in PPL Electric's Reliability Principles and Practices ("RP&P") guidelines and to reinforce the local 138/69 kV system in Pike County.

15. The proposed facilities are required to improve the 138/69 kV system in Pike County. From the Blooming Grove Substation to the Wallenpaupack Hydro Electric Station, both the Blooming Grove – West Damascus and Blooming Grove – Honesdale 138/69 kV circuits are situated on the same double-circuit 138/69 kV structures. The circuits are insulated for 138 kV operation but are currently operated at 69 kV. From the Wallenpaupack Hydro Electric Station to Kimbles 69 - 12 kV Substation, the Blooming Grove – West Damascus 138/69 kV line was designed for future double-circuit 138/69 kV operation but is currently operated as a single-69 kV circuit.

16. The Kimbles 69 – 12 kV Substation, which serves approximately 3,500 customers in Pike County, is supplied from the Blooming Grove – West Damascus 69 kV Line. The Blooming Grove – West Damascus Line, which also supplies the PPL Electric West Damascus and Bohemia Substations, as well as one customer-owned substation, serves approximately 22,000 customers in Pike and Wayne Counties.

17. PPL Electric plans its system in accordance with its RP&P guidelines, so that PPL Electric can sustain probable contingencies and disturbances with minimal customer service interruptions and can adequately serve each customer's needs with regard to capacity, voltage and reliability for all load levels throughout the daily load cycle. System Planning is the process which assures that PPL Electric's regional system can supply electricity to all customer load in a reliable and economic manner. In addition, the system is planned so that system reliability can be maintained to prevent large scale, long term, or frequent service interruptions in order to avoid adverse effects and hazards to the public.

18. The planning process begins with the development of a computer model of the future system. A specific study year is chosen. The future system model is then developed using the existing system plus any planned modifications to the transmission system scheduled to be in service prior to the study year. Load levels used in the system model are based on the latest forecast prepared annually by PPL Electric, which is based on recent summer peak load forecasts that take into account ambient temperatures and humidity indices.

19. Once the system model is complete, comprehensive power flow simulations are performed to determine the ability of the system to comply with the PPL Electric transmission planning reliability criteria. All conditions where the system is not in conformance with the reliability criteria are identified, and system reinforcements are added to bring the system into conformance. Also identified are estimated costs and lead-times to implement the required reinforcements. Computer simulations of the system with the identified reinforcement alternatives are completed to identify the best overall reinforcement that will meet the needs of the region in a reliable and economic manner.

20. The RP&P guidelines recommend that loading on a double-circuit line should not exceed 60 MW, so that for the loss of one circuit, the load from the out-of-service circuit can be transferred to the remaining in-service circuit without exceeding its emergency ampacity rating. In addition, PPL Electric's Planning RP&P guideline for maximum allowable load loss for a single-circuit line outage is 30 MW.

21. By winter 2013, the peak load on the Blooming Grove – West Damascus 138/69 kV Line is projected to be 78 MW, and the loading on the Blooming Grove – Honesdale 138/69 kV Line is projected to be 46 MW. The loading on those lines excludes any generation output from the Wallenpaupack Hydroelectric Plant. A single circuit outage of the Blooming Grove –

West Damascus 138/69 kV Line, with the interruption occurring between Blooming Grove and Tafton substations, would initially interrupt 78 MW of load. This potential load loss is approximately 18 MW above the allowed level under the Transmission RP&P guidelines.

22. Load transfers from Blooming Grove to Peckville Substation are limited due to the resulting low voltage at the end of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus line and segments of small-sized conductor on the Peckville – Varden 69 kV Line that would overload. Approximately 59 MW would remain interrupted for an extended period of time until the outage could be located and switching moves could be made to re-sectionalize the line. This situation exceeds PPL Electric’s Planning RP&P guideline for maximum allowable load loss of 30 MW for a single-circuit line outage.

23. To address the issues being experienced on the Blooming Grove – West Damascus transmission line, as described above, PPL Electric, with approval from the PUC, plans to reconstruct a section of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus Line that is approximately 2.25 miles long and runs between the Wallenpaupack Hydro Electric Station and the Kimbles 69 – 12 kV Substation. PPL Electric will design the new line to current 138 kV standards but will initially operate the line at 69 kV, until load growth in the area makes an increase appropriate. PPL Electric will also convert the substation to a double tap-single feed connection at the Kimbles 69 – 12 kV Substation.

24. The Project will be constructed in existing maintained right-of-way. Of the 2.25 miles of right of way, 0.6 miles are located on land held in fee by PPL affiliates, and the remaining 1.65 miles are located on land owned by others.

25. The proposed Project is part of a series of five projects that will allow PPL Electric to meet its RP&P guidelines in the Blooming Grove area.

26. For the first of the five projects, PPL Electric proposed to transfer the electric service source for the Tafton 69-12 kV Substation from the Blooming Grove – West Damascus 138/69 kV Transmission Line to the Blooming Grove – Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line. After that project is completed, the projected loading on the Blooming Grove – West Damascus line under peak winter conditions will be approximately 71 MVA; projected loading on the Blooming Grove – Honesdale line will be 48 MVA. That project brought PPL Electric's facilities closer to complying with the RP&P guidelines. The first project was approved by the Commission on August 25, 2011, at Docket A-2011-2269098.

27. After the proposed project is completed, which is the second of the five projects, the projected loading on the Blooming Grove – West Damascus Line under peak winter conditions will be approximately 67 MVA, and the projected loading on the Blooming Grove – Honesdale line will be 55 MVA. This project will bring PPL Electric's facilities closer to complying with the RP&P guidelines.

28. In the filing for the third project, PPL Electric will seek Commission approval for the reconstruction of a portion of the Peckville – Varden 69 kV Line and a portion of the existing Blooming Grove – Honesdale 138/69 kV Line. These line sections will be reconstructed from single circuit 138/69 kV lines to double circuit 138/69 kV lines.

29. In the fourth filing, PPL Electric will seek Commission approval for the construction of 1.8 miles of new 230 kV line to provide a power source to a new substation, to be named the Paupack 230-69 kV Substation.

30. In the filing for the fifth project, PPL Electric will seek Commission approval for the reconstruction of a portion of the Lakeville 138/69 kV Tap and a portion of the existing

Blooming Grove – Honesdale 138/69 kV Line. These line sections will be reconstructed from single circuit 138/69 kV lines to double circuit 138/69 kV lines.

31. This Project, which is the proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line, is being completed in conjunction with the other projects which are briefly described herein. Together these projects will resolve all of the violations of the RP&P identified above.

32. The proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line will replace 43 deteriorating cello-treated wood poles with 43 single-shaft steel monopoles and will also add a second circuit to the tap with 4 additional steel poles. In addition, two 138 kV Load Sectionalizing Air Break (“LSAB”) switches will be installed.

33. The steel monopoles will range in height from approximately 75 to 105 feet. The steel monopoles will be direct-embedded, and they will be equipped with 7-foot-long steel upswept conductor support arms for the top and bottom phases and 11 foot-long upswept conductor support arms for the middle phase.

34. Two LSAB switches will be installed. Each switch will be on a direct-embedded steel monopole approximately 75 feet tall. The LSAB switch poles will be connected by an X-brace for structural integrity. See Figure 3 of Attachment 2.

35. There will be three power conductors from the existing circuit, three new power conductors for the additional circuit, and one overhead ground wire. The power conductors will be 556.5 kcmil,¹ 24/7 stranding, ACSR² power conductors. The existing 3/8 inch steel overhead ground wire will be replaced with one 0.567” optical ground wire.

¹ Kcmil stands for “thousand circular mils.” A circular mil is the cross-sectional area of a wire one mil in diameter, where 1 kcmil = 0.5067 mm².

² ACSR stands for aluminum conductor steel reinforced.

36. The total estimated cost to design and construct the proposed Project is \$2,380,000.

37. The proposed construction has a required in-service date of November 2013. Upon Commission approval of this Letter of Notification, PPL Electric intends to commence construction as soon as feasible.

38. No other economically feasible alternatives were identified to relieve the heavy loading on the Blooming Grove – West Damascus 138/69 kV Line.

39. The Engineering Description of the proposed construction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line is provided in Attachment 2 accompanying this Letter of Notification.

III. HEALTH AND SAFETY

40. The proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line will not create any unreasonable risk of danger to the public health or safety. The proposed Project 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.

41. Attachment 5 accompanying this Letter of Notification explains PPL Electric's standards for Magnetic Field Management. PPL Electric has determined, as a matter of policy, to design its new and rebuilt transmission lines to reduce magnetic fields when that can be done at low or no cost and consistent with functional requirements. PPL Electric's Magnetic Field Management Program has been developed to implement that policy decision. To reduce magnetic field exposures, the program generally prescribes the use of a line design that provides

for five feet higher ground clearance than NESC standards and reverse phasing of new double-circuit lines where it is feasible to do so at low or no cost.

42. Consistent with the program, PPL Electric will construct the new overhead line sections for five feet higher ground clearance than NESC standards, in order to reduce magnetic field exposures. PPL Electric cannot utilize reverse phasing on this Project without greatly increasing the total cost of the Project, as it would require the addition of multiple structures to transpose the phasing and would also require conductors entering multiple substations to be re-arranged. Therefore, reverse phasing will not be utilized.

IV. RIGHT-OF-WAY STATUS

43. The Project will be constructed entirely on existing maintained right-of-way, which is 2.25 miles in length. Of this total, 0.6 miles of right of way is on land owned in fee by PPL affiliates and 1.65 miles of right-of-way is on land owned by others. PPL Electric does not need any additional right of way to complete the Project.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

44. The proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line crosses approximately 0.6 miles of undeveloped land owned by affiliates and then runs through approximately 1.65 miles of undeveloped and low density residential property until it terminates at the Kimbles Substation. It is anticipated that the proposed construction will have minimal incremental impacts on the surrounding area.

45. Visual impacts to existing homes in the area will be minimal because the transmission line is located within existing right-of-way, the existing vegetative buffer between the homes and the transmission line will remain in place, and the new transmission structures will not be significantly greater in height than the existing structures. Further, the rebuilt line

will be supported by the same number of structures which will be monopole structures, except for the structures supporting the LSAB switches and new circuit.

46. No communication towers, pipelines, or other utilities will be affected by the proposed Project. The closest airport is the Cherry Ridge Airport, which is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the Project. The proposed transmission line reconstruction is not expected to impact airport operations. PPL Electric, however, will file the appropriate documentation with both the Federal Aviation Administration and the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation to ensure that the proposed tap line will not be a hazard to the airport's flight operations.

47. The proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line was reviewed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (“PHMC”). The PHMC identified that, given the soil type, topographic setting, slope direction, and distance to water, there is a potential for archeological resources at the project site.³ PPL Electric engaged the services of Dr. Frank Vento of the Quaternary Research Institute to conduct a Phase I Archeological Survey of the project area. The Phase I Survey uncovered no significant archeological artifacts at the subject location. The results of the investigation were submitted to PHMC for its review, along with a recommendation that no further investigation be conducted. PHMC agreed with this finding and issued a clearance letter dated July 6, 2012, which stated that no further archeological work is necessary for this Project.

48. The Project will not affect any recreational areas or natural landmarks. The corridor crosses the Lackawaxen River and the abandoned Delaware and Hudson Canal approximately 0.6 miles northwest of the generation station. There will be no impact to the river

³ File No. ER 2012-0495-103-A.

or the canal either by road access or placement of the new poles. The rebuilt transmission line will have minimal incremental impacts to these two features since the proposed poles will be located more than 200 feet from the river bank and situated on elevated terraces approximately 30 to 60 feet above the river channel.

49. The Project will not affect any other recreational areas or natural landmarks. The nearest natural feature is State Game Lands number 183 which is situated approximately 0.5 miles from the southern terminus of the transmission line. There are no other natural areas, state or national parks, state forests or scenic geologic features within 2 miles of the Project.

50. PPL Electric conducted a wetland delineation of the line and identified small sections of wetlands, rills and the Lackawaxen River within the right-of-way. Any required permits will be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Army Corps of Engineers prior to construction. PPL Electric will comply with all conditions placed on the permits. PPL Electric will acquire any required soil erosion and sedimentation control permits and will comply with all conditions imposed by such permits.

51. Some minimal tree clearing may be required, and PPL Electric will apply its “Specification for Initial Clearing and Control of Vegetation On or Adjacent to Electric Line Right-of-Way Through Use of Herbicides, Mechanical and Hand Clearing Techniques” to mitigate and minimize potential impacts of its activities.

52. PPL Electric has consulted with state and federal agencies to obtain information regarding endangered and threatened species in close proximity to the proposed construction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line.⁴

⁴ Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory Search ID: 20111014321393.

53. The Pennsylvania Game Commission (“PGC”) indicated that there are federally protected bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nesting in the vicinity of this Project. As such, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (“DCNR”) stated that PPL Electric should not conduct construction or demolition activities in the vicinity of the bald eagle nest during nesting season, which is between January 15th and August 1st. This recommendation impacts only a portion of the Project area. There are no seasonal restrictions for the remaining portions of the Project area, as they fall outside the buffer area for the nesting bald eagles.

54. The DCNR indicated that the Project may potentially impact Roseroot Stonecrop (*Sedum rosea*) and requested that a survey be conducted by a qualified botanist. PPL Electric hired Mellon Biological Services, LLC to conduct the requested survey. Based on the results of the survey, Mellon Biological Services concluded that no plant species of special concern were found and the only possible habitat for Roseroot Stonecrop would not be impacted by the proposed reconstruction. DCNR agreed with this finding and issued a clearance letter dated December 22, 2011 which stated that DCNR determined that no impact is likely to occur to species of special concern as a result of the Project.

VI. NOTICE

55. The proposed reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line was reviewed with representatives of Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships and Pike County, and neither the Townships nor the County had any objections.

56. Attachment 6 accompanying this Letter of Notification identifies the owners of property which will be crossed by the proposed Project. Copies of this Letter of Notification are being served on the property owners listed in Attachment 6 in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(3).

57. Attachment 7 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 7 in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(3).

VII. LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

58. 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 construction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line qualifies for use of a Letter of Notification because the proposed transmission line is being constructed in an existing transmission line right-of-way and because the Project will not substantially alter the right of way. As explained above, except at the ends of the rebuilt section of the transmission line, existing structures will be replaced in approximately the same location with structures approximately the same height. Except at the ends of the rebuilt section of the transmission line, no property will have more structures on it than are there presently. Further, as shown in Attachment 6, the Project involves lands owned by only nine landowners, three of which are affiliates.

59. 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 construction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line will be completed as proposed herein without the formal application process set forth at 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71, *et seq.*

VIII. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

60. PPL Electric respectfully requests expedited consideration and approval of this Letter of Notification by the Commission so that it can begin construction by November 1, 2012. As mentioned previously, the PGC has identified the presence of nesting bald eagles in the vicinity of a portion of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line, and has therefore requested that no construction or demolition be conducted during the nesting season. The nesting season is from January 15 through August 1.

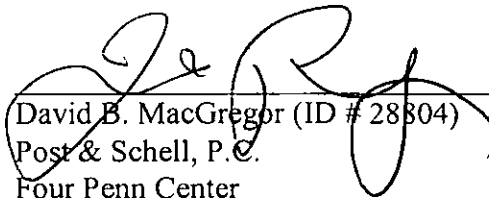
61. In compliance with the PGC's request, PPL Electric has identified a limited window in which to construct the portion of the line in the vicinity of the nest, and must undertake construction between August 2, 2012, and January 14, 2013. If construction of this portion of the line is not initiated this fall and completed by January 14, 2013, then all work in this area must cease until August 2, 2013, when the nesting season ends. This could seriously jeopardize PPL Electric's ability to meet the identified required in-service date of November 2013.

IX. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approve the proposed siting and reconstruction of the Blooming Grove – West Damascus, Kimbles 138/69 kV Tap Line in Palmyra and Lackawaxen Townships, Pike County, Pennsylvania, that is explained above and in the Attachments hereto.

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VERIFICATION

I, Stephanie Raymond, being the General Manager – Transmission and Substations 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: 8/14/12

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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 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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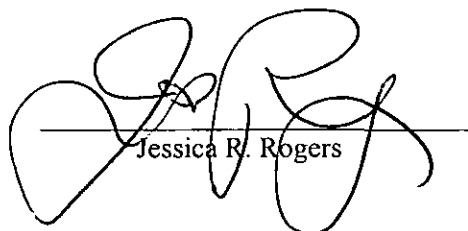
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