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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORP

COMP/APP COUNTY:

UTILITY CODE: 110500

ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

APPLICATION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER BY SALE TO PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC., OF FACILITIES LOCATED IN BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

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James J. McNulty, Esquire
Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P. O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to 66 Pa. C. S. § 1102, are an original and three copies of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's Application for the approval of the transfer by sale of certain facilities to Press Enterprise, Inc. The facilities are located in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

I have enclosed a check for \$350 to cover the filing fee.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Russell

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of PPL Electric :
Utilities Corporation for Approval of the :
Transfer by Sale to Press Enterprise, :
Inc. of Facilities Located in :
Bloomsburg, Columbia County, :
Pennsylvania. :

Application
Docket No. A-110 500 F0336

APPLICATION OF
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION

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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (hereafter "PPL Electric"), by its attorney, hereby makes application pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1102(a)(3) for the approval of a transfer by sale of certain facilities, and in support thereof states:

1. Applicant is PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101, a public utility incorporated in Pennsylvania for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power to the public by means of electricity in all or portions of twenty-nine counties in eastern-central Pennsylvania.

2. The name and address of PPL Electric's attorney is Paul E. Russell, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101.

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3. Press Enterprise, Inc. (hereafter "Press Enterprise"), a Pennsylvania corporation whose principal address is 3185 Lackawanna Avenue, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania is not affiliated with PPL Electric.

4. Press Enterprise is upgrading equipment and desires to convert to a primary service. Converting to primary service will result in the most beneficial and economical service.

5. PPL Electric will recover the present day depreciated cost of these facilities and will no longer be responsible for maintenance thereof.

6. PPL Electric agreed to sell and Press Enterprise agreed to purchase the facilities for \$8,352.00, representing the present day depreciated cost of the facilities, plus certain fees. Attachment 1, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, contains the Agreement of Sale and a description of facilities.

7. The facilities' original cost, original depreciated cost, present day cost, and present day depreciated cost are as follows:

	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Cost Undepreciated	\$10,265	\$10,265
Original Cost Depreciated	6,167	6,167
Present Day Cost Undepreciated	15,300	15,300
Present Day Cost Depreciated	7,622	7,622

8. The sales price is the result of arms-length negotiations.

9. PPL Electric's engineering and operating representatives have reviewed the proposed sale of facilities and their relation to PPL Electric's operations. PPL Electric is satisfied as to the adequacy, continuity, safety of service, and other relevant factors concerning electrical supply to Press Enterprise.

10. Approval of this application is necessary and proper for Press Enterprise to take service in a manner which is most economic for Press Enterprise and does not result in uneconomic removal expenditures to PPL Electric, cause duplication of facilities, or render PPL Electric's existing facilities less valuable.

11. Attachment 2, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, contains PPL Electric's responses to the Commission's Interrogatories concerning applications filed pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1102.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, PPL Electric respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approve the above-captioned application for transfer of facilities by sale.

Respectfully submitted,

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation



Paul E. Russell
Its Attorney

Dated: December 12, 2003
at Allentown, Pennsylvania

ATTACHMENT 1



AGREEMENT OF SALE made this 12th day December, 2003, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, between PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION, hereinafter called VENDOR, a Pennsylvania corporation whose principal address is Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, and PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC., hereinafter called VENDEE,

WITNESSETH: That VENDOR in consideration of \$8,352.00 (EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS) does hereby agree to sell unto VENDEE, all of its right, title and interest in and to certain electric facilities located at 3185 LACKAWANNA AVENUE, BLOOMSBURG, PA 17815 as described in the schedule attached hereto and made part hereof entitled "Exhibit A - LIST OF FACILITIES TO BE CONVEYED TO PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC. BY PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION," and as shown on plan dated SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 entitled "Exhibit B - PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO BE CONVEYED TO PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC. BY PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION," also attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VENDOR MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR GUARANTEES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT, EXCEPT THAT IT WILL DELIVER GOOD TITLE TO SAID PROPERTY FREE FROM ALL LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES. THE REMEDY FOR THE BREACH OF SAID WARRANTY OF GOOD TITLE IS LIMITED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF ANY OF THE PROPERTY COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT. VENDEE SHALL RECEIVE SAID PROPERTY "AS IS." THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION CONTAINED HEREIN.

VENDEE SHALL INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE VENDOR AGAINST AND FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS AND ALL OTHER LIABILITY WHATSOEVER ON ACCOUNT OF OR BY REASON OF, OR GROWING OUT OF PERSONAL INJURIES OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY INCLUDING VENDEE AND ITS EMPLOYEES, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE SUFFERED BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY INCLUDING VENDEE AND ITS EMPLOYEES, WHETHER OR NOT THE SAME RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF VENDOR OR ITS EMPLOYEES PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT IS TO ABSOLVE AND PROTECT VENDOR FROM ANY AND ALL LOSS, PREDICATED ON STRICT AND/OR NEGLIGENT LIABILITY BY REASON OF THIS AGREEMENT.

THE VENDOR MAY AT ITS OPTION REQUIRE VENDEE TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE SATISFACTORY TO THE VENDOR COVERING THE LIABILITIES AND INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT.

This agreement shall be filed by VENDOR with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and shall thereafter become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Public Utility Law. Upon receipt by VENDOR of an Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approving this Agreement, VENDOR will invoice VENDEE for the amount shown above, which amount VENDEE agrees to pay upon presentation of said invoice. Upon payment of the amount specified in the invoice, title to the facilities will vest in VENDEE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be duly executed the day and year aforesaid.

ATTEST:

William M. Koch
Title Assistant Secretary

OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL
BY: PEP
DATE: 12/19

PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION
BY: John Dignin
Title President-PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

ATTEST:

James J. Michler
Title TREASURER P.E.I.

PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC.
BY: Paul R. Egle
Title Associate Publisher / Vice President

EXHIBIT A

List of facilities to be conveyed to Press Enterprise, Inc., by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

2 – 45 ft. poles 37128N31104 and 37110N31096

1 – 3/8” steel anchor guy

600 ft. of 750 MCM Al. Underground secondary cables.

200 ft. of 4/0 Al. Underground secondary cables.

280 ft. of #2 ACSR Overhead primary conductors.

210 ft. of Underground primary cable.

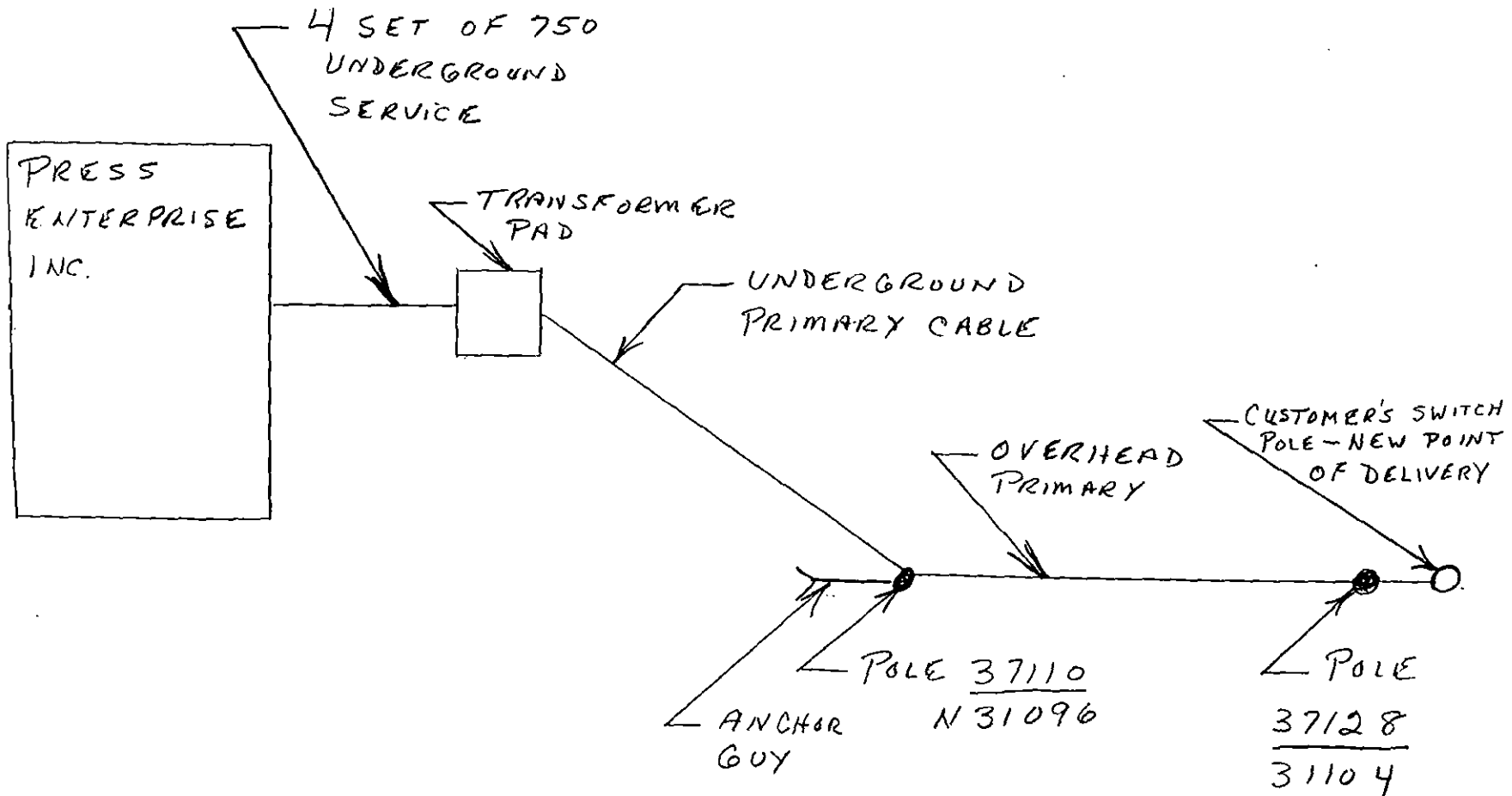


EXHIBIT B

PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO BE CONVEYED TO PRESS ENTERPRISE, INC., BY PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION.

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ATTACHMENT 2

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of PPL Electric
Utilities Corporation for Approval of the
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Bloomsburg, Columbia County,
Pennsylvania.

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**RESPONSES OF
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION
TO INTERROGATORIES PROPOUNDED BY THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Question:

1. Provide an accurate legal description and location identification of the property and the interest therein to be sold, leased or transferred.

Response:

1. See Exhibit A of Application Attachment 1.

Question:

2. Provide, where applicable, an inventory identifying the buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements, including appurtenant removable

building equipment, which are considered to be part of the property for sale, lease or transfer.

Response:

2. See Exhibit A of Application Attachment 1.

Question:

3. State whether or not the sale, lease or transfer of the property will affirmatively promote the service, accommodation, convenience or safety of the public in some substantial way. Explain.

Response:

3. The sale will significantly benefit Press Enterprise, Inc. (hereafter "Press Enterprise"), by permitting more efficient and economical operations. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (hereafter "PPL Electric") and its customers will be benefited by no longer maintaining the transferred facilities.

Question:

4. State the reason for the sale, lease or transfer of property.

Response:

4. Press Enterprise requested the transfer to facilitate conversion to a single 12 kV primary service and decrease electric power costs as stated more fully in paragraph 4 of the application.

Question:

5. State the alternatives that PPL Electric has considered to the prospective sale, lease or transfer.

Response:

5. PPL Electric did not consider any alternatives to the proposed sale because it is most efficient and in the public interest for the customer to receive service under the most advantageous applicable tariff provisions.

Question:

6. State whether or not the sale, lease or transfer of this property will result in an interruption or curtailment of existing services to the public. Explain.

Response:

6. The proposed sale will not result in an interruption or curtailment of existing services to the public. Existing facilities in use on Press Enterprise's property will be transferred to Press Enterprise, thereby not affecting the public.

Question:

7. State whether or not the sale, lease or transfer of this property will result in either a staff reduction or a termination of some portion of PPL Electric's operation. Explain.

Response:

7. The sale involves a minor portion of PPL Electric's assets and will not cause a staff reduction or a termination of any of PPL Electric's operations.

Question:

8. State whether or not the sale, lease or transfer of this property will result in a physical relocation of the main office, branch office or service office of PPL Electric.

Response:

8. The sale will not result in relocation of any PPL Electric offices.

Question:

9. State whether or not the sale of this property will require the acquisition of replacement property. If replacement is required, state the cost and description of the property to be acquired.

Response:

9. PPL Electric will not have to acquire replacement property due to the sale. The transferred facilities serve only Press Enterprise.

Question:

10. State whether or not PPL Electric anticipates or has reason to believe that it will be necessary to seek a rate increase in order to withstand the financial impact of the transaction that is the subject of these interrogatories. Explain.

Response:

10. PPL Electric does not anticipate a need to seek increased rates due to this sale.

Question:

11. State whether or not the property has been part of a rate case that has appeared before the PUC. If it has been, identify the case by Commission docket number and date.

Response:

11. The property to be transferred has been included PPL Electric's most recently concluded rate case at Docket No. R-9431671, and in prior rate cases.

Question:

12. State whether or not the property is the subject of a state or federal proceeding. If it is, identify the proceeding and explain.

Response:

12. The property is not the subject of any state or federal proceedings.

Question:

13. State whether the property is to be sold at a price above or below its fair market value as determined by at least two appraisals and a third review appraisal with the three appraisals being performed by qualified independent real estate appraisers; if the property is stock, indicate the book value and current market value of the shares involved.

Response:

13. Independent real estate appraisals were not needed because real estate is not involved in the sale. The sales price is PPL Electric's present day cost depreciated.

Question:

14. State the net profit or loss to be realized by PPL Electric from the sale, lease or transfer of this property after the following factors have been taken into consideration:

- a. date and cost of acquisition,
- b. cost of improvements,
- c. allowance for depreciation,
- d. brokerage fees and commissions,
- e. tax consequences of the sale,

- f. recording fees, transfer taxes, and similar expenses incidental to conveying such property,
- g. penalty costs and other charges for prepayment of any pre-existing recorded mortgage encumbering such property and
- h. net damages or benefits accruing to the remaining PPL Electric property.

Response:

14. Considering the listed factors, PPL Electric will not realize a net profit or loss from the sale.

Question:

15. State the uses to which proceeds of this sale will be applied.

Response:

15. Proceeds from the sale will be applied to general corporate purposes.

Question:

16. State the accounting entries that will be made in the sale, lease or transfer of the property.

Response:

16. The retirement of depreciable facilities sold will be recorded as follows:

Account 108 - Accumulated Provision for Depreciation of Electric Utility Plant will be debited and Account 101-Electric Plant in Service will be credited for the sale of depreciable plant other than line transformers and customer meters. Accordingly, interim retirements are not recorded for line transformers or customer meters.

The proceeds from the sale of depreciable assets will be recorded as follows:

Account 131 - Cash will be debited and Account 108 - Accumulated Provision for Depreciation of Electric Utility Plant will be credited.

Question:

17. State the effect that the sale will have on PPL Electric's short-range or long-range plans for expanding or upgrading any of the services that PPL Electric is now offering to the public.

Response:

17. The sale will not affect PPL Electric's short or long-range plans for expanding or upgrading any services now offered to the public.

Question:

18. Where an affiliated interest of a public utility is involved in the property transfer, explain fully the relationship between the affiliate and the jurisdictional utility.

Response:

18. No affiliated interests are involved in the sale.

Question:

19. State what portion of the original cost of the property being transferred represents material cost, and what portion represents installation cost.

Response:

19. Practically the entire amount of the property's original cost represents material costs.

Question:

20. State when the property was installed and/or constructed.

Response:

20. The equipment was installed in 1972 and 1994.

