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To Whom It May Concern:

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This is to advise you that an Order has been adopted by the Commission
in Public Meeting on September 12, 1997 in the above entitled proceeding.

An Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

James J. McNulty
Acting Secretary

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Public Meeting held September 12, 1997

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Company For Approval of Restructuring Plan
Under Section 2806 of the Pennsylvania
Public Utility Code

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ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before us is a the Petition of Pennsylvania Power & Light Company (PP&L) to Amend The Procedural Schedule, filed on September 10, 1997, seeking to change the date by which the Commission will accept, modify, or reject PP&L's Restructuring Plan. The date is set for January 8, 1998, and the petition seeks to change it to February 5, 1998.

On April 29, 1997, the administrative law judge (ALJ) assigned to this proceeding issued an order adopting a procedural schedule which recognized

that the parties to this action had agreed to a procedural schedule calling for a final order by January 8, 1998. PP&L had specifically waived the statutory requirement in Section 2806(F) that the Commission issue the order accepting, modifying, or rejecting a restructuring plan no later than nine months after its filing.

Evidentiary hearings were held between August 18 and August 29, 1997, and as part of those proceedings, the ALJ directed the intervening parties to meet and attempt to develop a consolidated settlement proposal. Reportedly, the proposal is nearly ready, and PP&L asks for a thirty-day extension in the procedural schedule to provide adequate time to review it.

The Petition alleges the support of the Commission's Office of Trial Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance, and Enron Power Marketing, Inc., and again, specifically waives the requirement of Section 2806(F) of the Electricity Generation Competition and Customer Choice Act (Act) that requires the Commission's order to be issued within nine months of the filing of the application.

PP&L alleges that the extension will be in the public interest since it will allow, or facilitate, discussions which may lead to a full or partial settlement of the matter. As PP&L points out, "there are well over a hundred issues that need to be addressed in the Company's Restructuring Plan. It will be very difficult to address these issues in the initial phase of settlement discussions if the parties must

devote substantial resources to drafting post-hearing briefs and reply briefs. The proposed extension will permit the parties to focus on this important initial phase of the settlement process.” Petition, paragraph 6, pages 2-3. 1

The Commission recognizes the importance of handling this matter in a way which allows the settlement of as many issues as possible. The public interest is best served by a final plan which serves all parties well. The Petition, which is unopposed, will be granted.

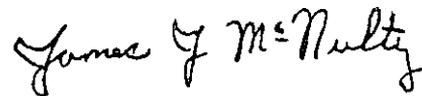
PP&L also asks that the ALJ adopt the proposed revised procedural schedule which it attached to its Petition as Attachment A. We will remand the matter to the ALJ for consideration of the proposed revised procedural schedule with the instructions that the ALJ issue a new schedule which recognizes the extension granted in this order. THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Petition of Pennsylvania Power and Light Company filed on September 10, 1997 is granted in accordance with this Order.
2. That the date by which the Commission must issue an order accepting, modifying, or rejecting a restructuring plan in this docket is changed to February 5, 1998.

3. That this matter is remanded to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the development and issuance of a new procedural schedule which recognizes the new order issuance date of February 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. McNulty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "N".

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