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**Re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Reconstruction of the Double Circuit 138/69 kV Lake Harmony - Lake Naomi Transmission Line in Portions of Coolbaugh, Pocono and Tobyhanna Townships, Monroe County and Kidder Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania - Docket No. A-2013-2367521**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Motion of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for the Application to be Referred to the Bureau of Technical Utility Services for Processing Because it is Uncontested, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service  
Honorable Ember S. Jandebour

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Motion** 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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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of PPL Electric Utilities :  
Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code :  
Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the : Docket No. A-2013-2367521  
Siting and Reconstruction of the Double :  
Circuit 138/69 kV Lake Harmony – Lake :  
Naomi Transmission Line in Portions of :  
Coolbaugh, Pocono, and Tobyhanna :  
Townships, Monroe County and Kidder :  
Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania :

**MOTION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION  
FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE REFERRED TO THE  
BUREAU OF TECHNICAL UTILITY SERVICES  
FOR PROCESSING BECAUSE IT IS UNCONTESTED**

To Administrative Law Judge Ember S. Jandebour:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) hereby submits this motion for the above-captioned Application to be referred to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) Bureau of Technical Utility Services because it is uncontested. In support of its Motion, PPL Electric states the following:

1. PPL Electric is a “public utility” and an “electric distribution company” as those terms are defined in Sections 102 and 2803 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 102, 2803, respectively.
2. PPL Electric offers electric distribution, transmission and provider of last resort services to approximately 1.4 million customers subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. PPL Electric’s certificated service territory includes all or portions of twenty-nine counties and encompasses approximately 10,000 square miles in eastern and central Pennsylvania.

3. On June 7, 2013, PPL Electric filed with the Commission the above-captioned “Application for the Commission’s approval of the siting and reconstruction of the Lake Harmony – Lake Naomi 138/69 kV Transmission Line in portions of Coolbaugh, Pocono, and Tobyhanna Townships, Monroe County and Kidder Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania” (“Application”). The Application included 14 attachments.

4. In the Application, PPL Electric explained fully the need for the Project (Attachment 2), the environment of the area of the Project (Attachment 3), the analysis which led to the selection of the route proposed for the Lake Harmony – Lake Naomi 138/69 kV Transmission Line (Attachments 3 and 4), an engineering description of the proposed Transmission Line (Attachment 5), its vegetation management program (Attachment 6), its safety and design criteria (Attachment 10), its Magnetic Field Management Plan (Attachment 11) and other relevant data and information.

5. In the Application, PPL Electric explained further that the Project will have relatively little impact, compared to a new transmission line, because it a rebuild of an existing transmission line and that the proposed route follows the previously cleared right-of-way for the existing line for approximately 23 miles of its total length of 24 miles. Application, Attachments 3 and 4.

6. In the Application, PPL Electric further explained that the purpose of the Project is to rebuild the present single-circuit Lake Harmony – Lake Naomi 138/69 kV Transmission Line as a double-circuit 138/69 kV Line. The rebuilt double circuit Line will improve the reliability of service in the area because it will enable PPL Electric to restore service by transferring load in the event of outages of other transmission facilities in the area. Presently,

restoration of service caused by an outage of a transmission facility in the area may be prolonged until the damaged facility can be repaired. Application, Attachment 2.

7. Prior to the filing of the Application, PPL Electric engaged in substantial public outreach regarding the Project. The public outreach included calls and e-mails to government officials, letters to owners of all properties within a 1,000 foot corridor for the transmission line, distribution of a fact sheet summarizing the Project, advertisements and notices inviting the public to an open house, and holding of an open house in which PPL Electric provided detailed information regarding the Project and allowed attendees to ask questions and provide input. Application, pp. 33-34, ¶ 112.

8. Prior to the filing of the Application, PPL Electric explained the Project to representatives of all of the townships and counties where PPL Electric proposes to construct the Project.

9. PPL Electric provided notices of the filing of the Application to all owners of property that is or will be subject to the right-of-way for the Transmission Line in compliance with Section 69.3102 of the Commission's Interim Siting Guidelines, 52 Pa. Code § 69.3102.

10. PPL Electric served copies of the Application or notices of filing on all potentially interested government agencies and owners of property that is or will be subject to the right-of-way for the Transmission Line in accordance with Section 57.74 of the Commission's regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 57.74.

11. PPL Electric caused notices of the filing of the Application to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the area where the proposed Project is located. Notices were published in the Pocono Record and The Times News on June 20 and 27, 2013. Proofs of publication were filed with the Commission on August 9, 2013.

12. The Commission caused notice of the filing of the Application in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on June 22, 2013, at 43 Pa. Bulletin 3443.

13. In preparation for a prehearing conference, Administrative Law Judge Jandebour (“ALJ”) issued a prehearing order on June 11, 2013. In the prehearing order, the ALJ proposed a litigation schedule. The ALJ proposed that parties other than PPL Electric serve testimony and exhibits setting forth their positions and the reasons therefor on September 16, 2013.

14. The Commission served notice of the prehearing conference on June 10, 2013.

15. The prehearing conference in the proceeding was held on July 16, 2013 before the ALJ. Interested persons were invited to participate either before the ALJ in the Commission’s hearing room in the Scranton State Office Building or in a hearing room in the Keystone Building in Harrisburg.

16. Pursuant to discussions at the prehearing conference, PPL Electric served testimony and exhibits in support of the Application on July 19, 2013. The testimony included the written testimony of Joseph Canterino on the reasons for the Project, Justin Wehr on the siting process, Barry Baker on the detailed, in depth analysis that was performed to select the proposed route and Kyle Swartzentruber on the design of the proposed line and the steps that PPL Electric takes to make the Project safe for employees, contractors and the public. PPL Electric serviced copies of the testimony and exhibits on all potentially interested government agencies and owners of land subject to the right-of-way.

17. In order to make certain that all potentially interested government agencies and owners of land that is or will be subject to the right-of-way for the Lake Harmony – Lake Naomi 138/69 kV Transmission Line had received notice, a second prehearing conference was held, again in Scranton and Harrisburg on August 8, 2013. The Commission sent notices of the

second prehearing conference to all potentially interested government agencies and owners of land subject to the right-of-way on July 24, 2013.

18. Despite the notices published in newspapers of general circulation, notices published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, copies of the Application and Notices of Filing that were serviced by PPL Electric, notices of the first and second prehearing conference, copies of the ALJ's prehearing order, and copies of testimony and exhibits served by PPL Electric, no government agency, landowner or member of the public has filed any protest, any petition to intervene or any complaint against the Application. No one, other than PPL Electric, appeared at either of the prehearing conferences.

19. At the prehearing conferences, the ALJ adopted the litigation schedule that she had proposed in the prehearing conference order. Pursuant to that schedule, parties other than PPL Electric were required to submit testimony and exhibits explaining their positions and the reasons therefor on or before September 16, 2013.

20. The time for filing by other parties of their testimony and exhibits has now passed, and no one submitted any testimony or exhibits.

21. The Project to rebuild the Lake Harmony – Lake Naomi 138/69 kV Transmission Line as a double-circuit 138/69 kV Line has not been opposed.

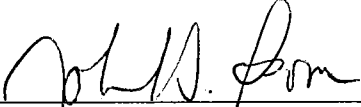
22. Under these circumstances, it is appropriate that the Application be referred to the Commission's Bureau of Technical Services for processing as an uncontested Application.

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that Administrative Law Judge Ember S. Jandebour enter an Order referring and transferring the above-captioned "Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Reconstruction of the Double

Circuit 138/69 kV Lake Harmony – Lake Naomi Transmission Line in Portions of Coolbaugh, Pocono, and Tobyhanna Townships, Monroe County and Kidder Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania” to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s Bureau of Technical Services for processing because it is not opposed.

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