

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities :
Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code :
Chapter 57, Subchapter G, with respect to :
The Reconstruction of the St. John's – : A-2013-2352732
Freeland 69 kV Transmission Tie Line :
In Butler and Foster Townships, Luzerne :
County, Pennsylvania :

PREHEARING ORDER

The purpose of this Order

If you are receiving this Order, it is because you have been identified as a person who may have an interest in the proceedings filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) listed in the caption, above. This Order will describe: (1) the filings involved in this proceeding; (2) the process that the Commission will follow in considering the Letter of Notification; (3) the different options that you have for involvement; and (4) how to become a party to this case, if that is your choice.

There is no requirement that you participate; however, if you do not, then the case will proceed and be decided without your input.

1. The filings

On March 8, 2013, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company) filed its Letter of Notification for authorization to reconstruct the St. John's – Freeland 69 kV Transmission Tie Line in Butler and Foster Townships, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

2. The Process

The first step in the proceeding is to establish a list of parties who have a legitimate interest in the case. Options and directions for participating are included below. A Prehearing Conference is set for January 2, 2014, and will be held in Scranton at 10:00 am. On or before December 26, 2013, any entity wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file either a Petition to Intervene or a Protest. Directions regarding how to do this appear in this Prehearing Order, below. At the Prehearing Conference, each Petition to Intervene will be considered, and at the end of the Prehearing Conference, a parties' list will be established. Only parties will be served with notices after that date. If you do not file either a Protest or a Petition to Intervene, your name will be dropped from the service list.

In addition, the litigation schedule for this proceeding will be set at the Prehearing Conference. Other matters to be decided include due dates for service of direct and rebuttal testimony, dates for the evidentiary hearings and briefing, and modification of discovery rules.

The Prehearing Conference is for the discussion and planning of the litigation of the case. No testimony will be taken. Only lawyers representing parties of record and individual persons representing themselves as full litigants will be permitted to participate in the Prehearing Conference.

Following evidentiary hearings and briefing by the parties, the presiding officer will issue a recommended decision which: (1) sets forth the chronology of the case; (2) summarizes the testimony; (3) applies the relevant law; and (4) makes a recommendation to the full Commission on how to rule on the matter. The parties may file exceptions and reply exceptions to the recommended decision, and a final decision of the full Commission will be issued.

3. Your involvement

For proceedings before the Commission, the Pennsylvania Legislature has provided for three agencies to advocate for the public interest. The Office of Consumer Advocate is concerned with the rights of consumers, the Office of Small Business Advocate advocates for small businesses, and the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement intervenes in cases in order to protect the interest of the general public. Any or all of these agencies may be part of this proceeding and if they are, they will scrutinize the

Company's Letter of notification carefully, as well as presenting their own witnesses at the formal hearings.

If, however, you believe that your own interests need to be protected by participation in this case, the Commission recognizes your right to participate. Your actions in response to this Prehearing Order will be important.

In response to this Prehearing Order, you may proceed one of three ways:

(1) **Do nothing.** If you do nothing after receiving this Prehearing Order, your name will be removed from the service list. After the Prehearing Conference on January 2, 2014, you will not receive any pleadings, filings, discovery requests, written testimony or orders and decisions in this matter.

(2) **Attend a public input hearing.** Public Input Hearings may or may not be held depending on requests. Public input hearings are held in geographical areas affected by the Letter of Notification for the purpose of giving citizens who do not wish to participate in the formal litigation an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the Company's proposal. In order to testify at a public input hearing, all a citizen has to do is show up and sign in. No advance registration is required. If you want to attend a public input hearing and do not wish to remain on the service list for pleadings, filings, discovery requests or orders and decisions in this matter, you are not required to do anything. Notice of the public input hearing will be published in your local newspaper two weeks before it is held.

(3) **Become a party of record.** As a party of record, you will be served with all of the pleadings, filings, discovery requests, written testimony and orders and decisions served and issued in this proceeding. These documents will be voluminous. Your *rights* as a party of record include the ability to present your own testimony and to cross-examine other witnesses at the formal hearings, and to file exceptions to the presiding officer's recommended decision. Your *duties* as a party of record are that you must answer all discovery requests served upon you in accordance with the rules. You will be required to serve a copy of anything that you *file* upon the presiding officer and each party appearing on the service list, as modified after the Prehearing Conference on January 2, 2014, regardless of the cost of postage. If you

intend to present evidence at the formal evidentiary hearings, you will be required to submit your testimony in writing in advance, in accordance with the schedule to be set after the Prehearing Conference and to provide a copy of your written testimony to each party on the service list at that time. You will be expected to participate in accordance with the rules of Commission practice appearing in Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code Chapters 1, 3 and 5. **The Pennsylvania Code is available on-line** at www.pacode.com. Although a natural person or a sole proprietor may appear on his or her own behalf, if you are any entity other than a natural person or a sole proprietor, (e.g., a corporation, partnership, municipality, etc.), you will be required to have an attorney represent you in accordance with the laws of Pennsylvania. See *Ordering Paragraph 7, below*.

To become a party of record, you must file with the Commission's Secretary either a protest to the Letter of Notification or a petition to intervene on or before December 26, 2013. A Protest shall be in the form set forth in the Commission regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.51-53, and must state the grounds for the protest. A copy of your protest must be served on the Company and the presiding officer in addition to being filed with the Commission's Secretary.

A petition to intervene must conform to the requirements in 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71-76, and shall state briefly the interest of the intervenor and the objections to be raised, if any. 52 Pa. Code § 5.75(c). All timely-filed petitions to intervene will be ruled upon at the Prehearing Conference on January 2, 2014, or in the scheduling order to be issued following the Prehearing Conference.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference is scheduled for **Thursday January 2, 2014, at 10:00 am. in the Scranton Hearing Room, Room 318, 100 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18503. Unless you are PPL, you must file a timely protest or a petition to intervene in order to participate in the prehearing conference.**

2. Consistent with the publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, the protests or petitions for intervention shall be filed on or before December 26, 2013, and a copy must be served upon the presiding officer and the Company.

4. A protest shall be in the form set forth in the Commission regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.51-53, and must set forth the grounds for the protest. A copy of your protest must be served on the Company and the presiding officer in addition to filing.

5. A petition to intervene must conform to the requirements in 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71-76, and shall state briefly the interest of the intervenor and the objections to be raised, if any. 52 Pa. Code § 5.75(c). A copy must be served upon the presiding officer and the Company.

6. PPL shall cause the weekly publication for two consecutive weeks of a notice of the prehearing conference in a newspaper of general circulation within each municipality in which the Transmission Tie Line is proposed to be located in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 57.75(a).

7. Please review the regulation pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code § 5.222. Please be prepared to discuss possibilities for settlement, scheduling, the amount of hearing time necessary, and electronic service among parties. In addition, please note subsection (d), which provides, in part:

(d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for a useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. 52 Pa. Code § 5.222.

8. If you are an individual, you may either represent yourself or have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you. **However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you in**

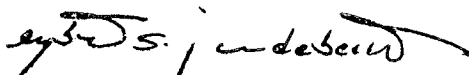
this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall comply with the Commission's appearance requirements. 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

9. A copy of any document filed with the Secretary or submitted shall be sent directly to the presiding officer. Service upon the presiding officer shall be by hard copy to the following address: Administrative Law Judge Ember S. Jandebaur, Office of Administrative Law Judge, 100 Lackawanna Avenue, Room 318, Scranton, PA 18503.

10. Please review the regulations regarding discovery, particularly 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b) advising that parties shall initiate discovery as early as possible.

11. A scheduling and briefing order shall be issued following the prehearing conference. Parties will be required to follow a common outline for initial briefs, and parties are encouraged to work together to develop it.

Dated: November 6, 2013



Ember S. Jandebaur
Administrative Law Judge