

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Uniform Cover and Calendar Sheet

<p>1. REPORT DATE: January 17, 2007</p>	<p>2. BUREAU AGENDA NO. JAN-2007-FUS-1006*</p>
<p>3. BUREAU: Fixed Utility Services</p>	
<p>4. SECTION(S): Energy</p>	<p>5. PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 26, 2007</p>
<p>6. APPROVED BY: Director: Rosenthal 3-5242 <i>PR</i> Mgr/Spvr: Diskin 4-5558 <i>PD</i> Legal Review: <i>R.F. [Signature]</i></p>	
<p>7. PERSONS IN CHARGE: Okoro 2-0613</p>	<p>9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF FILING: N/A</p>
<p>8. DOCKET NO.: A-110500F0387</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DOCKETED FEB 01 2007</p>

10. (a) CAPTION (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)
 (b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs
 (c) Recommendation

**DOCUMENT
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- (a) Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL Electric") filed pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, with respect to the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Transmission Line relocation and the construction of the North Stroudsburg 138 kV Tap, all in Monroe County.
- (b) On December 14, 2006, PPL Electric filed the above-captioned Letter of Notification. Authority for this procedure is provided for at §57.72(d) (1). No protests were filed and no hearings were held.
- (c) The Bureau of Fixed Utility Services recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed Order.

11. **MOTION BY:** Commissioner Chm. Holland

Commissioner Pizzingrilli - Yes
 Commissioner Fitzpatrick - Yes
 Commissioner

SECONDED: Commissioner Cawley

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265

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REFER TO OUR FILE

January 30, 2007

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Letters of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, filed pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, with respect to the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69kV Transmission Line relocation and the construction of the North Stroudsburg 138kV Tap, all in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Commission in Public Meeting on January 26, 2007 adopted an Order in the above entitled proceeding.

An Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

James J. McNulty
Secretary

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**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held January 26, 2007

Commissioners Present:

Wendell F. Holland, Chairman
James H. Cawley, Vice Chairman
Kim Pizzingrilli
Terrance J. Fitzpatrick

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Docket No. A-110500F0387

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 14, 2006, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) filed a Letter of Notification pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.72(d) (1) of the Commission’s transmission line siting regulation. Section 57.72 authorizes the abbreviated “Letter of Notification” siting application process in lieu of an application for the following:

- i) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely on an existing transmission line right-of-way, so long as the size, character design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.

- ii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within a public road.
- iii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within applicant's existing transmission line right-of-way and the property of the sole customer to be served by the line, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- iv) A line for which the voltage is proposed to be increased above its present levels, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- v) An HV line having a proposed route of 2 miles or less.

Copies of the Letter of Notification were served in accordance with Section 57.72(d) (3) on the PA Department of Transportation, PA Historical and Museum Commission, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Monroe County Commissioners, Stroud Township Board of Supervisors, Brodhead Creek Regional Authority, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and other interested parties as specified in the Certificate of Service. No protests were filed. No hearings were held.

PPL Electric plans to convert half of the existing North Stroudsburg 69-12 kV Substation to 138 kV operation. The North Stroudsburg Substation currently has two 69-12 kV transformers served from the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Line (currently operated at 69 kV). Transformer #1 will be upgraded to a 138-12kV transformer and will be served off the existing Monroe-Jackson 138 kV Line via the proposed North Stroudsburg 138 kV Tap. Transformer #2 will be upgraded to a 138/69-12 kV dual wound transformer and will continue to be operated at 69 kV off the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Line until future conversion to 138 kV operation is required. To accommodate the upgrade of this substation, the Jackson-Stroudsburg

138/69 kV Line will need to be relocated. Therefore, in addition to the proposed North Stroudsburg 138 kV Tap, PPL Electric is also requesting Commission approval to relocate several spans of the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Line around the existing North Stroudsburg Substation.

PPL Electric Letter of Notification seeks approval for the relocation of 625 feet of the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Transmission Line and the construction of 95 feet of 138 kV Transmission Line for the proposed North Stroudsburg 138 kV Tap, which will connect the portion of the Substation to be operated at 138 kV with the existing Monroe-Jackson 138 kV Transmission Line.

PPL Electric states that this project is required to reduce loading on the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Line and to ultimately convert North Stroudsburg Substation to 138 kV operation. Conversion of the North Stroudsburg Substation to 138 kV operation was identified as part of an overall long-term transmission plan that will alleviate reliability and overload concerns in the Southern Pocono area.

PPL Electric states that the total estimated cost for the proposed work at North Stroudsburg Substation is approximately \$1.9 million, which includes \$1.4 million for the substation modifications and \$485,000 for the design and construction of the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Line relocation and the new North Stroudsburg 138 kV Tap. PPL Electric will bear the cost of this project. This filing covers only the proposed transmission modification, which is the only part of the project that requires prior Commission's approval under 52 Pa. Code, Chapter 57, Subchapter G. This project has a scheduled construction start date of April, 2007, which is critical to meeting the required in-service date of November, 2007.

PPL Electric states that the entire project will be located within an existing PPL Electric transmission line right-of-way or land owned by PPL Electric. Further, the project will not substantially alter the existing right-of-way because the proposed North Stroudsburg 138kV Tap involves the installation of two single-shaft steel poles with one being located within existing PPL Electric right-of-way and one on land owned by PPL Electric. The relocation of the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Line involves the installation of 4 new single-shaft steel poles with one being located within existing PPL Electric right-of-way and three being located on land owned by PPL Electric.

PPL Electric states that the project will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner that meets or exceeds the National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”), PPL Electric’s design criteria and safety practices, and all applicable legal requirements. The proposed project will not create any unreasonable risk of danger to the public health or safety.

PPL Electric states that the proposed project will have no additional land use impacts because the entire project will be located within an existing PPL Electric transmission line right-of-way or land owned by PPL Electric. No railroads, communication towers, pipelines, or other utilities will be affected by the proposed project. The nearest aviation facility is the Stroudsburg Pocono Airport which is located 2.0 miles from the project’s site and will not be affected by the project.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation, have reviewed the proposed project and have determined that it will not be a hazard to air navigation.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (“PHMC”) has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that further archeological investigation is required. PPL Electric is conducting further archeological assessment and will file all necessary reports with PHMC before construction begins.

The project will not impact any unique geological, scenic, or natural areas. No wetlands, water bodies, or streams will be affected by the proposed line. Some minor clearing of vegetation along the right-of-way will be necessary. PPL Electric will utilize, as appropriate, mitigating measures set forth in PPL Electric’s “Program for Vegetation Management” and “Specification for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control for Transmission Line Rights-of-Way.” All required permits will be acquired prior to construction.

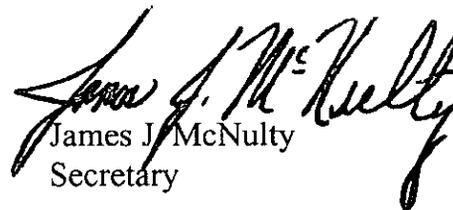
PPL Electric states that the proposed project was reviewed with all of the affected townships and Monroe County and none of these government units objected to the project.

The formal PPL Electric Letter of Notification and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.72. Moreover, the Commission has reviewed the filing and does not find it to be inconsistent with the applicable law or Commission policy regarding transmission line siting; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

That the Letter of Notification filed by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation with respect to the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Transmission Line relocation and the construction of the North Stroudsburg 138 kV Tap, all in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.

BY THE COMMISSION,


James J. McNulty
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: January 26, 2007

ORDER ENTERED:

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