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March 5, 2007

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Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed pursuant to
52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, with respect to the Susquehanna-East Palmerton
230 kV Line modification in Hazle Township, Luzerne County.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Commission in Public Meeting on March 1, 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 March 1, 2007

Commissioners Present:

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

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ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 9, 2007, 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, Luzerne County Planning Commission, and Hazle Township Board of Supervisors. No protests were filed. No hearings were held.

PPL Electric Letter of Notification seeks approval for the modification of the Susquehanna-East Palmerton 230 kV Line in the vicinity of the Harwood 230-69 kV Substation in Hazle Township, Luzerne County. In addition to the modification of the existing Susquehanna-East Palmerton 230 kV Line, the overall project will involve a rearrangement and upgrading of the Harwood 230 kV Substation into a four breaker ring bus to enable the two existing power transformers to be supplied by multiple 230 kV lines. In order to accommodate the upgrade of the Harwood Substation, PPL Electric plans to split the existing Susquehanna-East Palmerton 230 kV Line and terminate the East Palmerton end into the existing bay 2-S and the Susquehanna end into a new bay 3-S. This new configuration will form the Susquehanna-Harwood #2 230 kV Line and the Harwood-East Palmerton 230 kV Line.

PPL Electric states that it is concerned that continued load growth in the greater Hazleton area will result in unacceptable voltage at the Harwood 230-69 kV Substation if certain unplanned line and equipment outages were to occur under peak loading conditions. Therefore, this project is required to ensure that PPL Electric can maintain adequate voltage for customers serviced from this substation.

PPL Electric states that the total estimated cost for the proposed work at Harwood 230-69 kV Substation is approximately \$5.8 million. This consists of \$461,000 for the modification to the Susquehanna-East Palmerton 230 kV Line and the remaining \$5.339 million for the rearrangement and upgrade of the Harwood 230-69 kV Substation. PPL Electric states that it will bear the cost of this project and that this filing covers only the proposed transmission line modifications, 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 June, 2007, which is critical to meeting the required in-service date of May, 2008.

PPL Electric states that the entire project will be located on its own land and that no additional land or rights-of-way will have to be acquired for the project. Further, the project will not substantially alter the existing right-of-way because the modification of the Susquehanna-East Palmerton 230 kV Line which is less than two miles long, involves the installation of only two single-shaft steel poles, and both poles will be 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 on land already owned by PPL Electric. No railroads, communication towers, pipelines, or other utilities will be affected by the proposed project. The nearest aviation facility - the Hazleton Municipal Airport, located 3.6 miles from the project's site will not be affected by the project.

PPL Electric states that 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 no further archeological investigation is required.

PPL Electric also states that the project will not impact any unique geological, scenic, or natural areas. No wetlands, water bodies, or streams will be affected by the project. 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.

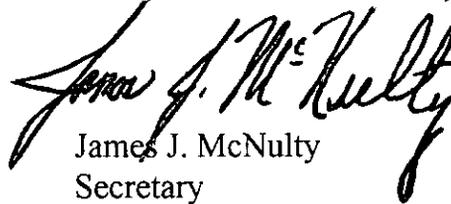
PPL Electric states that the proposed project was reviewed with Hazle Township and Luzerne County, and neither of these governmental units objected to the project.

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 to the Susquehanna-East Palmerton 230 kV Line modification in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.

BY THE COMMISSION,



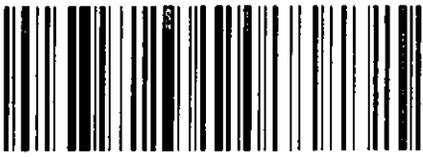
James J. McNulty
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: March 1, 2007

ORDER ENTERED:

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