

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Uniform Cover and Calendar Sheet

1. <b>REPORT DATE:</b> November 22, 2005	2. <b>BUREAU AGENDA NO.:</b> DEC-2005-FUS-1078*
3. <b>BUREAU:</b> Fixed Utility Services	
4. <b>SECTION(S):</b> Energy	5. <b>PUBLIC MEETING DATE:</b> December 1, 2005
6. <b>APPROVED BY:</b> Director: Rosenthal 3-5242 <i>PRC</i> Manager: Rodrock 3-6185 <i>H.E.R.</i> Legal Review by: <i>[Signature]</i>	<b>DOCUMENT FOLDER</b>
7. <b>PERSONS IN CHARGE:</b> Rodrock/Muriceak 3-6185	
8. <b>DOCKET NO.:</b> A-110500 F0367	9. <b>EFFECTIVE DATE OF FILING:</b> N/A

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

- (a) Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for approval of the transfer by sale of certain facilities.
- (b) On November 10, 2005, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL") filed an application pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S §1102(a)(3) for the approval of the transfer by sale of certain facilities. PPL is proposing to transfer by sale certain street light facilities located in the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
- (c) The Bureau of Fixed Utility Services recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed Order.

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

**SECONDED:** Commissioner Cawley

Commissioner Shane - Yes  
Commissioner Pizzingrilli - Yes  
Commissioner Fitzpatrick - Yes

**CONTENT OF MOTION:** Staff recommendation adopted.



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

December 6, 2005

REFER TO OUR FILE

A-110500 F0367

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PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORP  
TWO NORTH NINTH STREET  
ALLENTOWN PA 18101-1179

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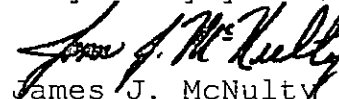
Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for approval of the  
transfer by sale of certain facilities to the City of Bethlehem,  
Northampton County, Pennsylvania

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that an Order has been adopted by the  
Commission in Public Meeting on December 1, 2005 in the above  
entitled proceeding.

An Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

  
James J. McNulty  
Secretary

Enclosure  
Certified Mail  
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**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held December 1, 2005

Commissioners Present:

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

Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
for approval of the transfer by sale of certain  
facilities to the City of Bethlehem, Northampton  
County, Pennsylvania.

Docket Numbers:  
A-110500F0367

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On November 10, 2005, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL") filed an application pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1102(a)(3) for the approval of the transfer by sale of certain facilities. PPL is proposing to transfer by sale certain street light facilities located in the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

PPL is a public utility incorporated in Pennsylvania for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power to the public by means of electricity in all or portions of twenty-nine counties in eastern-central Pennsylvania. The City of Bethlehem is a municipal corporation and is not affiliated with PPL.

PPL states that the City of Bethlehem desires to purchase all of PPL's rights, title and interest in certain street light facilities located in the City of Bethlehem.

The purchase of these facilities will result in a reduction in Bethlehem's annual electric bill payments to PPL by approximately \$751,835. According to PPL, the sale will significantly benefit the City of Bethlehem by permitting more efficient and economical operations. PPL and its customers will be benefited by no longer maintaining the transferred facilities. PPL will not have to acquire replacement property due to the sale. The transferred facilities serve only the City of Bethlehem.

PPL avers that it will recover the present day depreciated cost of the facilities. The property to be transferred has been included in PPL's most recently concluded rate case at Docket No. R-00049255, and in prior rate cases. According to PPL, it has agreed to sell, and the City of Bethlehem has agreed to purchase the facilities for \$2,010,350. The sale price is the result of arms-length negotiations.

PPL states that approval of this application is necessary and proper for the City of Bethlehem to take service in a manner which does not result in uneconomic removal expenditures to PPL, cause duplication of facilities, or render PPL's existing facilities less valuable. The application also recognizes the City of Bethlehem's right to service on the most favorable and economic basis under PPL's retail tariff.

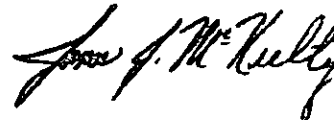
Upon consideration of these factors, we conclude that the record provides substantial evidence of affirmative public benefit sufficient to warrant approval of the proposed transaction under *City of York v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission*, 449 Pa. 136, 295 A.2d 825 (1972); **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Application for the approval of the transfer by sale of certain facilities to the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, be, and hereby is approved, without prejudice to any timely filed formal complaints.

2. That a Certificate of Public Convenience be issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



James J. McNulty  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: December 1, 2005

ORDER ENTERED: **DEC 06 2005**

2. Article Number



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3. Service Type **CERTIFIED MAIL**

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

1. Article Addressed to:

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TWO NORTH NINTH STREET  
ALLENTOWN PA 18101-1179

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PS Limited Postage and Insurance

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C. Signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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 Addressee

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