

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	Docket Nos. R-2013-2397353
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2014-2405329
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2014-2408756
	:	
v.	:	(Gas Rate Case)
Pike County Light & Power Co. Inc.	:	

**JOINT STIPULATION
FOR ADMISSION OF TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS INTO THE
EVIDENTIARY RECORD**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE CHRISTOPHER P. PELL:

Pike County Light & Power Company ("Pike"), the Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement ("I&E"), the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") and the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA"), all parties to the above-captioned proceeding (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Stipulating Parties"), respectfully submit this "Joint Stipulation for Admission of Testimony and Exhibits into the Evidentiary Record" ("Stipulation") in the above-captioned proceeding in lieu of being required to introduce such documents at an evidentiary hearing. In support of the Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties represent as follows:

1. The "Joint Petition for Settlement of Rate Investigation" ("Settlement") and all attachments thereto, submitted by Pike, I&E, OCA and OSBA concurrent with the submission of this instant Stipulation in the above-captioned proceeding, is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

2. The Stipulating Parties hereby jointly stipulate to the authenticity and admission of the Pike filing, the previously distributed testimony and exhibits of Pike, I&E, OCA and OSBA in their entirety, into the evidentiary record in this matter for the purpose of providing the record with supporting documentation that ultimately, through the compromises achieved through negotiation, resulted in the terms and conditions of the instant Settlement.

4. In accordance with the procedural schedule, and in preparation for the evidentiary hearings to be held in this matter, the Joint Petitioners each served the ALJ and each other with the following documents which are listed in the attached Appendix “A”.

5. As noted above, the Joint Petitioners were able to reach a comprehensive settlement of all issues raised in connection with Pike’s rate increase request. On the basis of the Settlement, the further hearings scheduled in this proceeding were duly cancelled by ALJ Pell,

6. If Administrative Law Judge Pell accepts this instant Stipulation and he and the Commission approve the terms and conditions set forth in the Joint Petition without modification, this matter will be deemed to be fully resolved.

7. Upon approval and adoption of this instant Stipulation, each Joint Petitioner has or will file one (1) original and one (1) copy of each testimony and exhibit identified in Paragraph 4, above, along with a signed verification from the sponsoring witness.

8. The Stipulating Parties hereby represent that the requested admission of the Company filing and the Pike, I&E, OCA and OSBA testimony and exhibits provide sufficient record evidence for the submitted Settlement to satisfy the legal standard for approval. The Commission has stated that “[T]he prime determinant in the consideration of a proposed Settlement is whether or not it is in the public interest.”¹ And specifically, the Commission recognizes that a settlement “reflects a compromise of the positions held by the parties of interest, which, arguably fosters and promotes the public interest.”²

9. The Stipulating Parties therefore hereby request that Administrative Law Judge Pell accept and adopt this instant Stipulation as part of the consideration of the foregoing Joint Petition for Settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *Pa. PUC v. Philadelphia Electric Company*, 60 PA PUC 1, 22 (1985).

² *Pa. PUC v. C S Water and Sewer Associates*, 74 PA PUC 767, 771 (1991).

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