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**Testimony before the Public Utilities Commission**  
PPL Public Input Hearing  
7 p.m. June 27, 2007  
PUC – Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North St., Hearing Room 2, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Good evening:

My name is Loretta Barbee-Dare. I am the Financial Justice Director and VITA site coordinator for Harrisburg ACORN. ACORN, an acronym for Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, exists to assist low income families with issues pertaining to their home, health, community and finances. The Free Tax Preparation Site and our Community Lending Fair ran by our office each year is just examples of the financial assistance and literacy we strive to bring to the community. Over 800 low and moderate income families took advantage of our free site this year.

Of the 48,000-plus residents in the City of Harrisburg alone, 50 percent do not work – either because they are retired and on a fixed income, or they are unemployed and seeking work. Of the 50 percent that are employed, almost half or 24 percent are working at or below the federal poverty line. Increases in school and property taxes are imminent, water rates are scheduled to increase, and home ownership is continually threatened by foreclosures. There is not much more this city, like every other 3<sup>rd</sup> class city in your district, can handle. These few dollars may not seem like a lot to you, but it places an additional burden on the already lowest wage workers and fixed income citizens in your distribution area.

By my understanding, you will be asking for an increase in the distribution rates. The “7.96” I see each month on my bill. I must tell you, that an increase will be more than just 2 or 3 percent of my bill.

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For your review as an example, attached is a copy of the second page of my current bill for my little fixer-upper. You'll see the \$7.96 distribution charge, as the first thing listed on the bill. You'll also see the total PPL Charges is \$15.30. As it stands, your distribution charge already accounts for over 50 percent of my bill. Without this "charge", my bill is only \$7.34.

So yes, your distribution charge is already high enough and no, you need to learn to live within your means.

In the past 3 years, we have partnered with local banks, credit unions, and last year even UGI, to help us to understand the financial ramifications of the companies that we must deal with in life, and help us by showing us ways to save money on these commercial services. In the Financial Justice Center, I try to teach others how to manage, budget and live their lives within their means. We can't go ask for a raise anytime we feel the need – we must learn to live within our means. This is what I am asking PPL to do.

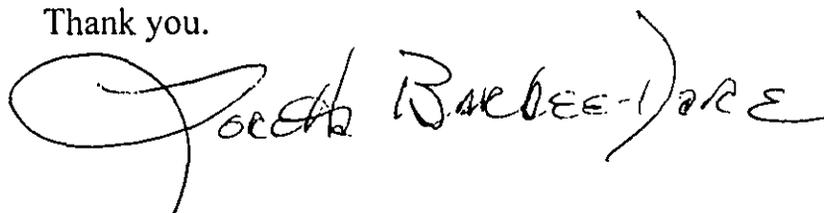
The other item that upsets me is that you just asked for and received a 6 percent increase in 2005. It was 1997 since the last minimum wage increase. How many increases has your company received in the past 10 years?. Even before it is ours, your hands are in our pockets.

In science class, they taught us how to make electricity from a potato. Maybe you should consult a 5<sup>th</sup> grader on alternative means to generate electricity that wont continually require you to break our back, and hopefully save your company money also.

Whether or not your increase request is granted, the members of Harrisburg ACORN respectfully request a meeting with you and your officers on ways you will assist in this transition, and encourage you to partner with us in our community education events, as we seek new ways to provide information on ways to save energy – which in turn will save them money.

I heard someone describe your methods of distributing electricity to that of slicing and eating a pie. I say, you've had enough pie – move away from the table.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Barber-Dore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Your Bill Account Number
67270-68033
Use when calling or writing

**Electric  
Service**

For:  
LB DARE  
1506 EDGEMONT RD  
HARRISBURG PA 17109

**PPL Electric Utilities  
Customer Service**  
827 Hausman Rd.  
Allentown, PA  
18104-9392  
1-800-342-5775  
(1-800-DIAL-PPL)  
www.pplelectric.com

Total from Last Bill \$ 19.71  
Payment Received Jun 6 - Thank You! \$ 25.00

**Billing Details**

Balance as of Jun 7, 2007 \$ 0.00

**Current Charges**

**Charges for - PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Residential Rate: RS for May 8 - Jun 7  
Distribution Charge:  
Customer Charge 7.96  
66 KWH at 2.18300000¢ per KWH 1.44  
Transmission Charge:  
66 KWH at 0.56800000¢ per KWH 0.37  
Transition Charge:  
66 KWH at 1.33800000¢ per KWH 0.88  
Generation Charge:  
Capacity and Energy  
66 KWH at 5.72800000¢ per KWH 3.78  
PA Sales Tax 0.87

Total PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES Charges \$ 15.30

**Other Charges for PPL Electric Utilities**  
Excess Credit -5.06

Total of Other Charges \$ -5.06

**Pay This Amount No Later Than Jun 28, 2007 \$ 10.24**

Account Balance \$ 10.24

**General  
Information**

Next meter  
reading  
on or about  
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Generation prices and charges are set by the electric generation supplier you have chosen. The Public Utility Commission regulates distribution prices and services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates transmission prices and services.

PPL Electric Utilities uses about \$0.99 of this bill to pay state taxes. In addition, about \$0.86 of this bill pays the PA Gross Receipts Tax.

The Transition Charge includes an Intangible Transition Charge (ITC) and the applicable gross receipts tax which together amount to \$0.73. The ITC is a per usage charge approved by the Public Utility Commission which PPL Electric Utilities collects as agent for PPL Electric Utilities Transition Bond Company LLC and which that company uses to service debt incurred to recover a portion of PPL Electric Utilities' stranded costs. The gross receipts tax, which is collected for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is equal to 6.02% of the ITC.

For your convenience, you can now pay your bill using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or ATM Card. Call **BillMatrix** at 1-800-672-2413. **BillMatrix** will charge your credit and ATM card a service fee for making this payment.

Before digging around your home or property, you should always call the state's One Call notification system to locate any underground utility lines. You can do this by simply dialing 811, which will connect you to the One Call system. Be safe and call 811 before you dig.