

Before the
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

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v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation : Docket No. R-2015-2469275
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Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 201 :

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Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Issues

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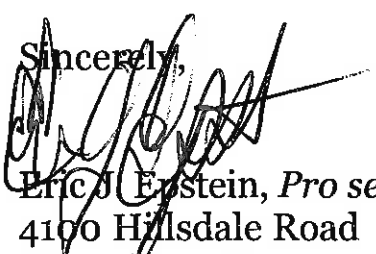
Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find a copy of Eric Joseph Epstein's Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Issues in the above referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served on all parties of record.

Sincerely,



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Dated: September 3, 2015

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**Eric Joseph Epstein's Statement in
Support of the Settlement**

I. Eric Joseph Epstein, (“Epstein” or “Mr. Epstein), a signatory party to the Joint Petition for Settlement (“Joint Petition” or “Settlement”), respectfully requests that the terms and conditions of the Settlement be approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). For the reasons stated more fully below, Mr. Epstein believes that the terms and conditions of the Settlement are in the public interest.

II. Mr. Epstein intervened in this proceeding to address the proposed rate increases detrimentally impact PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's (“PPL” or “the Company”) low-income customers and senior citizens on fixed incomes. Mr. Epstein reviewed PPL's fixed assets' methodology as well as the Company's weather remodeling.

III. Mr. Epstein adopts the background set forth in the following paragraphs Paragraphs of the Joint Petition for Settlement relating to customer assistance commitments, programs and proposals as referenced in paragraphs 42-49.

42. PPL Electric will increase its maximum CAP credits by a percentage equal to 50% of the overall percentage increase in Rate Schedule RS rates. The Parties reserve the right to evaluate further revisions to CAP credits and to recommend additional changes in the Company's next universal service proceeding. The Parties retain the right to review and file testimony concerning any such proposals as permitted by the normal Commission process for review of Universal Service Plans.

43. PPL Electric will increase its annual Low Income Usage Reduction Program ("LIURP") funding by \$500,000, effective January 1, 2016. The Parties reserve the right to evaluate further revisions in LIURP funding and to recommend additional changes in the Company's next universal service proceeding. The Parties retain the right to review and file testimony concerning any such proposals as permitted by the normal Commission process for review of Universal Service Plans.

44. PPL Electric intends to continue to use community based organizations to assist in the implementation of its universal service programs, subject to changes in the Company's future universal service proceedings. The Parties retain the right to review and file testimony concerning any such proposals as permitted by the normal Commission process for review of Universal Service Plans.

45. PPL Electric commits to evaluate existing senior education programs established by comparable utilities and to recommend whether or not to adopt a senior education program in its next universal service proceeding.

46. PPL Electric agrees to undertake a pilot program in the Lancaster County area using local churches and food banks to further promote and educate customers about LIURP and Act 129 programs.

47. To address the bad debt, arrearage forgiveness, and Cash Working Capital issues raised in OCA Statement No. 4, PPL Electric will provide a fixed Universal Service Rider ("USR") credit of \$100 per month for all CAP customers above 44,000. The Parties further agree to evaluate further revisions in the USR credit and arrearage forgiveness and to recommend additional changes in the Company's next universal service proceeding. The Parties retain the right to review and file testimony concerning any such proposals as permitted by the normal Commission process for review of the Universal Service Plan.

48. PPL Electric shall apply all residential payments in compliance with Rule 9.D(8) of its Tariff, which provides in relevant part: “Payments which are insufficient to pay for both a balance due for prior use and billing for current use are first applied to the balance due for prior use, except when an unpaid bill is a disputed bill or when a payment plan for an overdue balance is agreed upon.” Residential payments will be posted against late payment charges only when there is no unpaid balance due for prior consumption, and late fees will not be compounded.

49. PPL Electric commits to hold a collaborative by May 31, 2016, with all interested stake holders to discuss and evaluate CAP customer participation in the competitive shopping market as set forth in OCA Statement No. 4 and CAUSE-PA Statement No. 1-R. In advance of the collaborative, PPL Electric shall obtain and provide data to interested stake holders regarding the number of CAP customers that are shopping, whether the rates paid by shopping CAP customers is above or below the Price to Compare, and the impact that shopping CAP customers have on CAP credits and CAP customers' bills. The Parties reserve the right to evaluate further revisions to CAP customer participation in the competitive shopping market and to recommend changes to CAP customer shopping in the Company's next default service procurement plan proceeding. The Parties retain the right to review and file testimony concerning any such proposals as permitted by the normal Commission process for review of the default service plan proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

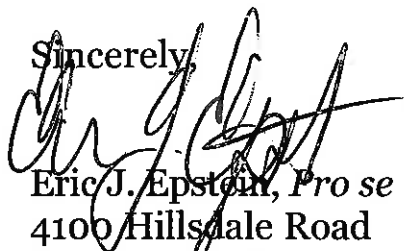
Commission policy promotes settlements. See 52 Pa. Code § 5.231. Settlements lessen the time and expense the parties must expend litigating a case and, at the same time, conserve administrative resources. The Commission has indicated that settlement results are often preferable to those achieved at the conclusion of a fully litigated proceeding. See *id.* § 69.401. In order to accept a settlement, the Commission must first determine that the proposed terms and conditions are in the public interest. *Pa. PUC v. York Water Co.*, Docket No. R-00049165 (Order entered Oct. 4, 2004); *Pa. PUC v. C.S. Water and Sewer Assocs.*, 74 Pa. P.U.C. 767 (1991).

This Settlement was achieved by the Joint Petitioners after an extensive investigation of PPL Electric's filing, including extensive informal and formal discovery and the filing of substantial testimony by the active parties.

Approval of the Settlement will lessen the time and expenses that the active parties and the Commission must expend on the proceedings.

For the reasons set fourth, Eric Joseph Epstein supports the Settlement Agreement PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Supplement No. 179 to Tariff Electric Pa. P.U.C. No. 201, Docket No. R-2015-2469275 and believes the terms and conditions of the Settlement are in the public interest.

Sincerely,



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Certification of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the active participants named below by electronic transmission in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.54.

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