**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :

For Approval of its Act 129 Phase III Energy : M-2015-2515642

Efficiency and Conservation Plan :

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER**

A prehearing conference has been scheduled in the above-captioned case for **10:00 am. Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in Hearing Room 3** of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA. The parties are directed to comply with the following:

1. **All parties must serve me directly** (electronically at scolwell@pa.gov and by hard copy) with any document you file in this proceeding**.** If you send me any document or correspondence, you must send a copy to all other parties in the case. It is not sufficient to file with the Secretary’s Bureau and expect me to receive a copy of your filing. The current service list is attached to this order. The correct address is Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265.

 2. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21-1.23, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted pro hac vice, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted pro hac vice represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall ensure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

3. Failure of a party to participate in the conference shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached, and any order or ruling made.

5. Please review the regulation pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code § 5.222. Be prepared to discuss possibilities for settlement, discovery issues, issues relating to the public input and evidentiary hearings that will be held, service among parties and all other procedural issues relevant to this proceeding. In addition, note subsection (d), which provides, in part:

 (d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for a useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. 52 Pa. Code § 5.222.

6. The following matters shall be addressed at the prehearing conference:

(a) Establishment of the official service list, and an informal e-mail distribution list.

(b) Modification of the Commission’s rules pertaining to discovery (52 Pa. Code, Subchapter D) and subpoenas (52 Pa. Code §5.421).

(c) Other matters that may aid in the orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding and the furtherance of justice, including but not limited to the following:

 (1) Simplification of the issues;

 (2) The obtaining of admissions as to, or stipulations of, facts not in dispute, or the authenticity of documents which might properly shorten the hearing;

 (3) Limitations as to the number of witnesses.

 (4) Limitations of time and scope for direct and cross-examinations

7. On or before 12:00 p.m., **Monday, January 4, 2016,** each litigating party shall file and serve a prehearing memorandum which shall include a list of the issues and sub-issues in this proceeding which the party intends to address and a statement of the party’s position on each of the issues and sub-issues listed, and the names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses the party expects to call and the subject matter of each witness’ testimony.

 8. Please review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, inter alia, that participants try to initiate discovery as early in the proceeding as possible, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. The parties are expected to pursue resolution of discovery issues among themselves; motions to compel should be filed only after such efforts have failed.

 9. This case is being litigated at an extremely expedited basis. The date for the evidentiary hearing has been set for Friday, January 29, 2016 and will not be changed. The record in this case will be compiled and certified to the Commission's Office of Special Assistants for decision. The dates for this litigation will be as follows unless the parties agree upon an alternative but acceptable schedule:

Publication of notice of filing December 12, 2015

Deadline for responses January 4, 2016

Prehearing conference January 5, 2016

Evidentiary hearing January 29, 2016

Briefs due February 8, 2016

Deadline for revised plan (if any) February 18, 2016

Certification of record February 19, 2016

Public meeting March 10 or 24, 2016

Date: December 18, 2015

 Susan D. Colwell

 Administrative Law Judge

**M-2015-2515642 - PETITION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ACT 129 PHASE III ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION PLAN.**

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