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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Bldg.
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Re: Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
For Approval to use the Remote Switch Service in its
Meters for Involuntary Service Termination
Docket No. P-2016-2524581

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Answer, Notice of Intervention, and Public Statement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

cc: Office of Administrative Law Judge
Certificate of Service

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :
For Approval To Use The Remote Service Switch : Docket No. P-2016-2524581
In Its Meters For Involuntary Service Termination :

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the Petition of PECO Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval to Use the Remote Service Switch in its Meters for Involuntary Service Termination at Docket No. P-2016-2524581.

On January 15, 2016, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company) filed its Petition for Approval to Use the Remote Service Switch in its Meters for Involuntary Service Termination (Petition). PPL's new Radio Frequency (RF) smart meters will provide the Company with the functionality to remotely terminate service to customers. PPL proposes to begin utilizing the remote switch for involuntary service termination beginning April 1, 2017.

The objective of the Consumer Advocate in intervening in this case is to protect the interests of consumers in PPL's service territory. The OCA seeks to ensure that the service provided to residential consumers is reasonable and appropriately designed. The OCA also seeks to ensure that service provided to all residential customers continues to be in compliance with applicable statutory provisions, regulations, and Commission Orders.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :
For Approval to use the Remote Switch Service : Docket No. P-2016-2524581
In its Meters for Involuntary Service :
Termination :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Answer, Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 4th day of February 2016.

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