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RE: Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of a Default Service Program and Procurement Plan for the Period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2021; Docket No. P-2016-2526627

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please be advised that PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance ("PPLICA") hereby files an Exception to the Initial Decision issued in the above-referenced proceeding. PPLICA reserves the right to file Reply Exceptions to respond to issues raised in other parties' Exceptions, if any.

As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, all parties to this proceeding are being duly served.

Very truly yours,

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Certificate of Service

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Petition of PPL Electric Utilities

Corporation for Approval of a Default

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# EXCEPTION OF THE PP&L INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER ALLIANCE

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### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

On August 10, 2016, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Susan D. Colwell issued an Initial Decision ("I.D.") recommending modification and approval of the Joint Petition for Partial Settlement ("Joint Petition" or "Partial Settlement") filed in the Default Service Plan Phase IV ("DSP IV") proceeding initiated by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL" or "Company") on January 29, 2016. The PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance ("PPLICA") is a signatory to the settlement. As such, PPLICA supports the Settlement and files this limited Exception seeking clarification of certain language set forth in the I.D.

#### II. EXCEPTION

PPLICA Requests that the Commission Clarify the Record Regarding the Publication of Changes to Non-Market Based Transmission Service ("NMBT") Charges (I.D., p. 37).

As summarized in the I.D., the Partial Settlement resolved most of the issues raised in PPL's DSP IV proceeding.<sup>1</sup> One of the issues resolved by the Joint Petition included PPL's agreement to monitor its filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and to provide notice to Electric Generation Suppliers ("EGSs") and default service suppliers of any filings that affect the definition or application of NMBT Charges. *See* Joint Petition for Approval of Partial Settlement, Docket No. P-2016-2526627, ¶ 37 (July 19, 2016). The signatories to the Joint Petition agreed that appropriate forms of notice include e-mail correspondence issued through the PPL Electric Supplier Portal and posts to the Company's Default Service webpage. *Id.* at ¶ 37(a).

When the ALJ issued the I.D., she noted that the Company would "notify EGSs and default service suppliers of the filings in e-mail through the PPL Electric Supplier Portal" and indicated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> During the evidentiary hearing on June 16, 2016, the parties informed the ALJ that they had reached full settlement of all but one issue: the design of PPL's customer assistance shopping plan.

that "[t]he reasons of the parties are adopted to support a finding that Partial Settlement ¶ 38 is in the public interest." I.D., Docket No. P-2016-2526627, pp. 37-38 (Aug. 10, 2016). For purposes of clarification, PPLICA respectfully requests that the Commission clarify that the applicable provision is set forth in Paragraph 37 (not Paragraph 38) of the Joint Petition and requires PPL to publicize the requisite notices through its Electric Supplier Portal and its Default Service webpage. PPLICA submits that this limited clarification will benefit the Commission and all parties by avoiding uncertainty and confirming that the I.D. did not intend to modify Paragraph 37 of the Partial Settlement.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PPLICA recognizes that the signatories to the Joint Petition agreed to waive Exceptions on the issues resolved by the Partial Settlement in the event that the ALJ adopts the Partial Settlement without modification. *See* Joint Petition for Approval of Partial Settlement, Docket No. P-2016-2526627, p. 47. In this instance, PPLICA files this limited Exception out of concern that, absent the requested clarification, the language in the I.D. addressing publications of notices regarding NMBT Charges may be interpreted as a modification eliminating the obligation to post the notice to PPL's Default Service webpage.

### III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the Exception of the PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance.

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