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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
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**Re: Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to Rebuild Approximately 24.4 Miles of the Existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line Located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania - Docket No. A-2016-2526304**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation is the Petition for **Expedited** Approval to Amend the Letter of Notification in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Wright

CTW/jl  
Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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Date: May 23, 2017



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**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Letter of Notification of PPL Electric :  
Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant to :  
52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, : Docket No. A-2016-2526304  
for Approval to Rebuild Approximately :  
24.4 Miles of the Existing :  
Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV :  
Transmission Line Located in Luzerne :  
County, Pennsylvania :

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**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL  
TO AMEND THE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION**

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TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 703(g), PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) hereby Petitions the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) for expedited approval to amend the Order entered April 7, 2016, approving the above-captioned Letter of Notification for the reconstruction of the existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line in Luzerne County (the “Project”). Specifically, PPL Electric requests that the April 7, 2016 Order be amended to grant approval to shift the location of the existing right-of-way on a single parcel to accommodate the future construction of a new 230-69 kV substation in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The proposed modification of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line right-of-way will be located entirely on property owned in fee by PPL Electric.

Construction of the Project began in September 2016, and is currently scheduled to reach the location of the proposed modification of the right-of-way on or about June 20, 2017. Therefore, PPL Electric respectfully requests that the Commission consider this Petition on an expedited basis. In support thereof, PPL Electric states as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. This Petition is filed by PPL Electric, a public utility that provides electric distribution, transmission, and provider of last resort services in Pennsylvania subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. PPL Electric’s address is PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101.

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PPL Electric’s attorneys are authorized to receive all notices and communications regarding this Letter of Notification.

4. PPL Electric furnishes electric service to approximately 1.4 million customers throughout its certificated service territory, which includes all or portions of twenty-nine counties and encompasses approximately 10,000 square miles in eastern and central Pennsylvania. PPL Electric is a “public utility” and an “electric distribution company” as defined in Sections 102 and 2803 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 102, 2803.

5. Consistent with its statutory obligation to provide safe and reliable electric service, PPL Electric filed the above-captioned Letter of Notification with the Commission on January 29, 2016. Therein, PPL Electric requested Commission approval to rebuild approximately 24.4 miles of the existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line to

resolve a thermal violation identified by PJM Interconnection, LLC (“PJM”) in the 2013 Regional Transmission Expansion (“RTEP”) analysis. A detailed description of the need for the Project is provided in the PPL Electric’s Letter of Notification filed at Docket No. A-2016-2526304.

6. By Order entered April 7, 2016, the Commission approved the above-captioned Letter of Notification for the reconstruction of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line. The Commission approved the Letter of Notification finding that the size, character, design and configuration of the reconstructed line will not substantially alter the right-of-way “because the reconstructed 22.4 mile 230 kV transmission line will be located entirely within PPL Electric’s existing rights-of-way.” *See Order*, p. 5. A copy of the April 7, 2016 Order is provided as **Attachment 1** to this Petition.

7. Subsequent to the Commission’s April 7, 2016 Order, PPL Electric identified the need to shift the location of the existing right-of-way on a single parcel owned in fee by PPL Electric in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

8. Pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 703(g) PPL Electric herein Petitions the Commission for expedited approval to amend the Order entered April 7, 2016.

## **II. PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

9. As explained above, the Commission approved the reconstruction of the existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line in its April 7, 2016 Order. Construction of the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line began on or around September 2016 to support an in-service date of June 2018.

10. In its April 7, 2016 Order, the Commission found that “the reconstructed 22.4 mile 230 kV transmission line will be located entirely within PPL Electric’s existing rights-of-way.” *See Order*, p. 5.

11. Subsequent to the Commission's April 7, 2016 Order approving the reconstruction of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line, PPL Electric determined that it is necessary to construct a new 230-69 kV substation to address multiple reliability issues on the 69 kV system serving the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre metropolitan area. Although the engineering for the new, future 230-69 kV substation has not yet been finalized, PPL Electric currently anticipates that construction on the new substation will begin around the fourth quarter of 2017.

12. The future, new 230-69 kV substation will be located on PPL Electric-owned property located in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

13. The Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line currently traverses the property where the future, new 230-69 kV substation will be located.

14. The future, new 230-69 kV substation will be interconnected with the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line, which will provide the 230 kV source of supply to the substation.<sup>1</sup>

15. A map depicting the location of the new 230-69 kV substation, as well as the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line, is provided as **Attachment 2** to this Petition.

16. The existing right-of-way for the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line currently traverse directly over the location where the future, new 230-69 kV substation will be located. In order to accommodate the future new 230-69 kV substation, the rebuilt Susquehanna-

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<sup>1</sup> PPL Electric is not herein requesting approval of the transmission lines necessary to interconnect the new 230-69 kV substation with the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line. PPL Electric will submit a separate filing in the future to request Commission approval of the location and construction of the transmission lines necessary to interconnect the new 230-69 kV substation with the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line. This future filing will be served on all interested parties in accordance with applicable Commission regulations.

Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line will need to be shifted from the existing right-of-way and routed around the new substation.

17. Although the reconstruction of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line is currently being completed, construction has not yet begun on the section of the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line that traverses the property for the future, new 230-69 kV substation.

18. Importantly, if this segment of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line is rebuilt within the existing right-of-way now, it will in the near future have to be removed from the existing right-of-way and rebuilt in a nearby but different location on the property for the future, new 230-69 kV substation.

19. In an effort to avoid incurring unnecessary additional and duplicative construction costs associated with this segment of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line, PPL Electric herein seeks an expedited amendment of the Order entered April 7, 2016, to allow PPL Electric to shift the location of the existing right-of-way on a single parcel to accommodate the future construction of a new 230-69 kV substation in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

20. If approved, the section of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line that currently traverses the PPL Electric-owned site for the future, new 230-69 kV Substation will be rerouted approximately 400 feet North of the current centerline to go around the planned new substation. A diagram depicting the proposed shift in the right-of-way is provided in **Attachment 3** to this Petition.

21. The proposed modification of the right-of-way for the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line will be located entirely on property owned in fee by PPL Electric. No other property owners will be impacted by the proposed modification of the right-of-way.

22. PPL Electric submits that granting the amendment requested herein is in the public interest because it will facilitate the future construction of a new 230-69 kV substation needed to resolve reliability issues in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre metropolitan area, and will avoid unnecessary additional and duplicative costs associated with the reconstruction of this small segment of the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line.

23. Based on the foregoing, PPL Electric respectfully requests that the Commission amend the April 7, 2016 Order to allow PPL Electric to shift the location of the existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line right-of-way on a single parcel owned in fee by PPL Electric to accommodate the future construction of a new 230-69 kV substation in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

### **III. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**

24. PPL Electric requests that the Commission consider this Petition on an expedited basis.

25. The Commission approved the reconstruction of the existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line in its April 7, 2016 Order. Construction of the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line began on or around September 2016. The rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line has a required in-service date of June 2018.

26. As explained above, PPL Electric seeks an amendment of the April 7, 2016 Order to allow PPL Electric to shift the location of the existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV

Transmission Line right-of-way on a single parcel in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

27. Although the reconstruction of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line is currently being completed, construction has not yet begun on this section of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line. Under the current construction schedule, PPL Electric anticipates that this segment of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line will be rebuilt on or about June 20, 2017.

28. Construction of a high voltage transmission line is significant and multifaceted task that requires carefully scheduled coordination among many resources, staging events, contractors, and crews.

29. Because the construction of the rebuilt Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line progresses sequentially, any delay in the review and approval of this Petition will require resources, staging, contractors, and crews to be reassigned to other segments of the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line, and then later return the crews and equipment back to complete the reconstruction of this segment of the line. This would increase the construction costs of the Project and, moreover, would seriously jeopardize PPL Electric's ability to meet the required in-service date for the Project.

30. For these reasons, PPL Electric respectfully requests that the Commission review and approve the limited modification to the Letter of Notification, as further described in this Petition, on an expedited basis.

#### **IV. NOTICE**

31. A copy of this Petition is being served on all persons originally served with the above-captioned Letter of Notification.

32. PPL Electric also is serving a copy of this Petition on the statutory parties as required by 52 Pa. Code § 5.41.

**V. CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (1) consider this Petition on an expedited basis, and (2) amend the April 7, 2016 Order at Docket No. A-2016-2526304 to approve the above-captioned Letter of Notification as modified herein.

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# ATTACHMENT 1

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA. 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held April 7, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Gladys M. Brown, Chairman  
Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman  
Pamela A. Witmer  
John F. Coleman, Jr.  
Robert F. Powelson

Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities  
Corporation, filed pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.72  
57 Subchapter G for Approval to Rebuild  
Approximately 24.4 Miles of the Existing  
Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line  
Located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Docket Number:  
A-2016-2526304

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On January 29, 2016, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric), Utility Code 110500, filed a Letter of Notification pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.72(d)(v) of the Commission's transmission line siting regulation. Section 57.72 authorizes the abbreviated "Letter of Notification" (LON) siting application process in lieu of an application for the following:

- (i) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely on an existing Transmission line right-of-way, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
- (ii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within a public road.

- (iii) An HV line which is proposed to be located entirely within applicant's existing transmission line right-of-way and the property of the sole customer to be served by the line, so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
  
- (iv) A line for which the voltage is proposed to be increased above its present levels so long as the size, character, design, or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
  
- (v) An HV line which is to be reconducted or reconstructed so long as the size, character, design or configuration of the proposed HV line does not substantially alter the right-of-way.
  
- (vi) An HV line having a proposed route of 2 miles or less.

Copies of the Letter of Notification were served in accordance with Section 57.72(d)(3), and as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §57.74(b)(c), on the PA Department of Transportation, PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Historical and Museum Commission, Luzerne County Commissioners, Luzerne County Planning Commission, Conyngham Township, Slocum Township, and others. No protests were filed. No hearings were held.

PPL Electric requests approval to reconstruct approximately 24.4 miles of the existing single-circuit Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV transmission line as a double-circuit 230 kV line in Conyngham Township, Slocum Township, Nuangola Borough, Rice Township, Hanover Township, Bear Creek Township, Laurel Run Borough, and Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. According to PPL Electric, the new segments and rebuilt 230 kV transmission line is needed to resolve a thermal violation identified by PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) in the 2013 Regional Transmission

Expansion (RTEP) analysis.

PPL Electric provides that the proposed project consists of rebuilding approximately 24.4 miles of the existing 26.5 mile single-circuit Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line between the Susquehanna 230-69 kV Substation in Conyngham Township to a new tap point near the Jenkins 230-69 kV Substation in Plains Township to a double-circuit configuration. The new double-circuit system will tap into the existing Jenkins-Acahela 230 kV Transmission Line located approximately 2.1 miles south of the Jenkins 230-69 kV Substation.

PPL Electric explains that at the tap point, one of the two circuits will tap into and continue north on the existing Jenkins-Acahela 230 kV Transmission Line and will terminate at the Jenkins 230-69 kV Substation. This circuit will continue to be referred to as the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line. The other circuit will tap into and continue south on the existing Jenkins-Acahela 230 kV Transmission Line and will terminate at the Acahela 230-69 kV Substation. This circuit will be referred to as the Susquehanna – Acahela 230 kV Transmission Line.

PPL Electric indicates that the rebuilt transmission line will be located within the existing right-of-way for the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line, which is 150-feet wide for the majority of the line with several locations increasing to 250-feet or more. The rebuilt double-circuit line will be constructed on the existing centerline with each new structure located adjacent to the existing structures. PPL Electric maintains that no new additional right-of-way is necessary for the proposed project.

PPL Electric notes that the first four tower structures from the Susquehanna 230-69 kV Substation currently are double-circuit structures, with one side occupied by the existing single-circuit Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line and the other

side occupied by the existing Susquehanna-Mountain 230 kV Transmission Line. In order to rebuild the Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line for double-circuit operation, the Susquehanna-Mountain 230 kV Transmission Line will be removed from Structures 1 through 4 from the Susquehanna 230-69 kV Substation and relocated onto five new steel monopoles located entirely on PPL Electric-owned property within the substation property. The changes to the existing Susquehanna-Mountain 230 kV Transmission Line are part of this LON application.

PPL Electric states that the existing single-circuit Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line consists of nine steel poles and 132 lattice tower structures, with an average height of 100 feet. The existing towers will be replaced by self-weathering tubular steel structures with an average height of 150 feet. All new poles will be self-supported on concrete caisson foundations. The average spans between the structures will be approximately 1,100 feet. The new poles are within 125 feet of the existing towers and poles with the exception of one pole within 250 feet of the existing tower and another within 500 feet. No new poles will be placed on any property that currently does not have an existing tower or pole.

PPL maintains the Project will be designed to comply with, and generally exceed, current National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) standards. Design specifications and safety rules practiced by PPL Electric are set forth in PPL Electric's Design Criteria and Safety Practices. PPL Electric provides that its transmission lines are designed to operate safely and reliably during inclement weather even more severe than assumed by the NESC. In addition, PPL Electric transmission lines are designed with more clearance to the ground than required by the NESC.

PPL Electric states that the total estimated cost for the proposed project is approximately \$64.3 million, and will be owned and operated by PPL Electric. The proposed project was included in the 2013 RTEP as baseline project b2269. Construction

of the project is proposed to commence in September 2016 with a proposed in-service date of June 2018.

The formal PPL Electric Letter of Notification and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(v) because the reconstructed 22.4 mile 230 kV transmission line will be located entirely within PPL Electric's existing rights-of-way. Moreover, the Commission has reviewed the filing and does not find it to be inconsistent with the applicable law or Commission policy regarding transmission line siting and, therefore, to be in the public interest.

We also note that our approval of the Letter of Notification does not reach the issues of accounting treatment, and cost recovery; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Letter of Notification filed by the PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, for Approval to Approval to Rebuild Approximately 24.4 Miles of the Existing Susquehanna-Jenkins 230 kV Transmission Line Located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, is hereby approved.
2. That the proposed changes to the Susquehanna-Mountain 230 kV Transmission Line which will be removed from Structures 1 through 4 from the Susquehanna 230-69 kV Substation and relocated onto five new steel monopoles located entirely on PPL Electric-owned property within the substation property, is hereby approved.

3. That this proceeding at Docket No. A-2016-2526304 be closed.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

ORDER ADOPTED: April 7, 2016

ORDER ENTERED: April 7, 2016

## **ATTACHMENT 2**



## **ATTACHMENT 3**

