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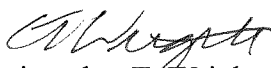
**Re: Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to Replace and Reterminate Approximately 200 feet of the Existing Breinigsville-Alburtis 500 kV Transmission Line in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2017-2605059**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

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

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the address or telephone numbers provided above.

Respectfully submitted,


Christopher T. Wright

CTW/jl
Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service
Office of Consumer Advocate
Office of Small Business Advocate

ALLENTOWN HARRISBURG LANCASTER PHILADELPHIA PITTSBURGH PRINCETON WASHINGTON, D.C.

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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 Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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Regulatory Branch
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Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

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Pennsylvania Field Office
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State College, PA 16801-4850

PA Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 2063
Market Street State Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2063
Attn: Office of Field Operations

PA Department of Conservation
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400 Market Street
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PA Fish & Boat Commission
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PA Department of Transportation
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Lehigh County Conservation District
4184 Dorney Park Rd,
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Allentown, PA 18109

Lower Macungie Township
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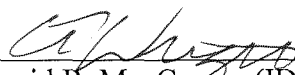
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Township, Lehigh County, :
Pennsylvania :

NOTICE TO PLEAD

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation is filing the enclosed Petition seeking to withdraw and terminate the above-captioned filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNLESS YOU OBJECT TO THE WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION OF THIS PROCEEDING.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT, PURSUANT TO 52 PA. CODE § 1.82(a), YOU MAY FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ENCLOSED PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE. YOUR OBJECTION SHOULD BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265. A COPY OF YOUR OBJECTION SHOULD ALSO BE SERVED ON THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL.

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**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW THE
LETTER OF NOTIFICATION**

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) hereby files, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.82(a), this Petition for Leave to Withdraw the Letter of Notification previously filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on May 17, 2017. For the reasons explained below, no parties will be harmed or otherwise prejudiced if this Petition is granted and the uncontested Letter of Notification is withdrawn. In support thereof, PPL Electric states as follows:

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.

3. On May 17, 2017, PPL Electric filed the “Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to Replace and Re-terminate Approximately 200 feet of the Existing Breinigsville-Alburtis 500 kV Transmission Line in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania” at Docket No. A-2017-2605059 (“Letter of Notification”).

4. Copies of the Letter of Notification will be served in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(3).

5. In the Letter of Notification, PPL Electric requested approval from the Commission to replace and re-terminate approximately 200 feet of the existing single circuit Breinigsville-Alburtis 500 kV Transmission Line in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania (the “Project”).

6. In the Letter of Notification and accompanying Attachments, PPL Electric indicated that the Project was necessary to comply with the requirements of North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) Critical Infrastructure Protection Standard “CIP-014-1 - Physical Security.”

7. However, upon further review and analysis of the need for the Project, PPL Electric has determined that the Project is not necessary to comply with the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Standard “CIP-014-1 - Physical Security.”

8. Because the need for the Project as stated in the Letter of Notification and accompanying Attachments is not correct, PPL Electric hereby seeks to withdraw the Letter of Notification in its entirety at this time.

9. Section 1.82(a) of the Commission's regulations permits a party to file for leave to withdraw a pleading and terminate an uncontested proceeding. If no party objects within 10 days of service, that matter will be stricken by the Commission. 52 Pa. Code § 1.82(a).

10. As of the date of this Petition, no parties have intervened, opposed, or otherwise contested the Letter of Notification. As such, no parties will be harmed or otherwise prejudiced if this Petition is granted and the Letter of Notification is withdrawn.¹

11. Further, it would not be in the public interest to continue this proceeding based on an incorrect need for the Project as stated in the Letter of Notification and accompanying Attachments. PPL Electric submits that continuing the proceeding in light of these new facts would be a waste of time, effort, and resources on the part of the Commission, PPL Electric, and the public.

12. Based on the foregoing, PPL Electric respectfully requests that the uncontested Letter of Notification be withdrawn and this matter at Docket No. A-2017-2605059 be terminated.

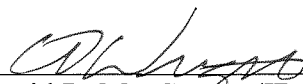
13. A copy of this Petition to Withdraw is being served on all parties and entities that received the Letter of Notification.

¹ PPL Electric will continue to evaluate the need for the Project. If needed, PPL Electric will file a new, corrected Letter of Notification for the Project. Copies of any such new Letter of Notification will be served in accordance with Pa. Code § 57.72(d)(3). Any parties that seek to oppose the Project will have the opportunity to intervene and assert their interests if and when the new Letter of Notification is filed in the future.

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (i) grant this Petition, (ii) withdraw the uncontested Letter of Notification in its entirety, and (iii) terminate this proceeding at Docket No. A-2017-2605059.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Stephanie Raymond being the Vice President-Transmission and Substations at PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: _____

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