

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**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**

**Public Meeting: June 14, 2017  
2526627-OSA  
Docket No. P-2016-2526627**

**Motion of Vice Chairman Andrew G. Place**

Before the Commission today for consideration is the Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company) for Leave to Withdraw (Petition to Withdraw) its Petition to Amend the Implementation Date of the Customer Assistance Program Standard Offer Referral Program (CAP-SOP). PPL filed its Petition to Withdraw on May 8, 2017 stating that it recently determined that the Company can fully complete the system changes necessary to implement the CAP-SOP by the effective date of June 1, 2017. On May 12, 2017, the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) filed a letter in opposition to the Petition to Withdraw stating that it does not support Commission approval of the Petition without further Commission action.

Based on the pleadings in this matter, I support PPL's Petition to Withdraw its Petition to amend the implementation date of the CAP-SOP as the Company has met the deadline of June 1, 2017 as prescribed by the Plan. However, RESA raises certain operational issues that need to be addressed as PPL's CAP-SOP is implemented over the next several months and years. It is important to note that RESA has filed a Petition for Review with the Commonwealth Court of the Commission's October 2016 and January 2017 Orders with respect to our approval of the CAP-SOP. In that appeal RESA did not seek a stay of the implementation of the CAP-SOP.

RESA appropriately identifies several operational issues that should be addressed in the implementation of the CAP-SOP to avoid damage to Pennsylvania's competitive retail electricity market. RESA Answer at 1-2. The issues include lack of information on which EGS customers are receiving CAP benefits;<sup>1</sup> how EGSs will honor existing customer contracts, particularly any cancellation provisions; how to maintain compliance with the Commission's regulations, particularly contract renewal provisions; and how to operationalize all these processes. Though PPL asserts that customers on month to month contracts need not be returned to Default Service, RESA has asserted that there is uncertainty on this issue. While our Order does clarify some of these issues as it relates to month to month contracts, it is still not clear what processes will be needed to implement these directives.

As PPL moves forward with the implementation of the CAP-SOP, I believe that the Company and the affected EGSs should meet to address and resolve any operational issues and

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<sup>1</sup> PPL avers this information was provided on May 22, 2017 but it is unclear if this information provided adequate time for EGSs to initiate compliance with our Orders on June 1, 2017.

details to enable all interested parties to coordinate the implementation and comply with the Commission's regulations.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT:**

1. The Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Leave to Withdraw its Petition to Amend the Implementation Date of the Customer Assistance Program Standard Offer Referral Program is granted.

2. Within 30 days of the entry date of this Order, the Office of Competitive Market Oversight will facilitate meetings with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and the affected Electric Generation Suppliers, including the Retail Energy Supply Association, to examine and resolve any operational issues that are integral to the implementation of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Customer Assistance Program Standard Offer Referral Program.

3. The Office of Competitive Market Oversight provide a status report of the discussions and the disposition of the implementation issues in this matter to the Commission within 90 days of the entry date of this Order.

4. The Office of Special Assistants draft an Opinion and Order consistent with this Motion.

Date: June 14, 2017



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Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman