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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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Re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval to Rebuild the Hosensack-Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line located in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania - Docket No. A-2017-2625559

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Wright

DTR/jl
Enclosures

cc: Honorable Steven K. Haas

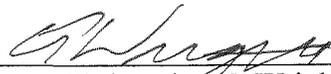
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of PPL Electric Utilities :
Corporation filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code :
Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval to : Docket No. A-2017-2625559
Rebuild the Hosensack – Quarry #1 and #2 :
138/69 kV Transmission Line located in :
Lehigh and Northampton Counties, :
Pennsylvania :

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STEVEN K. HAAS:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) hereby submits this Prehearing Conference Memorandum.

I. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

1. PPL Electric requests that all documents be served on:

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PPL Electric agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. Further, to the extent that materials are available electronically, it is requested that copies be served upon Kimberly A. Klock at kklock@pplweb.com, Amy E. Hirakis at aehirakis@pplweb.com, and David B. MacGregor at dmacgregor@postschell.com.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. This proceeding was initiated on September 19, 2017, when PPL Electric filed and served the “Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval to Rebuild the Hosensack – Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line located in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania” (“Siting Application”), which was docketed at Docket No. A-2017-2625559.

3. Together with the Siting Application, PPL Electric filed and served the following attachments in support of the Siting Application:

- Executive Summary
- Attachment 1 PUC Regulation Cross Reference Matrix
- Attachment 2 Necessity Statement
- Attachment 3 Environmental Setting
- Attachment 4 Siting Analysis
- Attachment 5 Design and Engineering Description
- Attachment 6 List of Owners of Property Within the Right-of-Way
- Attachment 7 Agency Permit Requirements
- Attachment 8 List of Involved Governmental Agencies, Municipalities and Other Public Entities Receiving the Application
- Attachment 9 List of Government Agencies, Municipalities and Other Public Entities Contacted
- Attachment 10 List of Public Locations Where Application Can Be Examined
- Attachment 11 PPL Electric Magnetic Field Management Program
- Attachment 12 Vegetation Management
- Attachment 13 PPL Design Criteria and Safety Practices
- Attachment 14 Agency Coordination (PNDI/Wetlands)

- Attachment 15 Cultural Resources Report
- Attachment 16 Public Notice Requirements

4. Furthermore, in support of the Application, PPL Electric submitted the written direct testimony of Douglas J. Grossman (PPL Electric St. No. 1), Christopher R. Szmodis (PPL Electric St. No. 2), Peter W. Sparhawk (PPL Electric St. No. 3), Collin M. Glass (PPL Electric St. No. 4), and Austin K. Weseloh (PPL Electric St. No. 5).

5. On September 29, 2017, a Hearing Notice was issued scheduling an Initial Prehearing Conference on December 4, 2017, at 10:00 AM in Hearing Room 2, Plaza Level, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

6. On October 2, 2017, Administrative Law Judge Steven K. Haas (the “ALJ”) issued a Prehearing Order, pursuant to which protests and petitions to intervene were required to be filed on or before November 27, 2017. Further, the Prehearing Order directed parties to file prehearing memoranda on or before November 29, 2017.

7. On October 24, 2017, PPL Electric filed Proofs of Publication indicating that the Public Notice for the instant proceeding was published in *The Express Times* and *The Morning Call* on October 13, 2017, and October 20, 2017.

8. On November 14, 2017, The Pennsylvania State University (“PSU”) filed a Petition to Intervene.

9. As of the date of this Prehearing Memorandum, no other protests, petitions to intervene, or notices of appearance have been served on PPL Electric.

III. ISSUES

10. In its Siting Application, PPL Electric has requested Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approval to rebuild a 14.6-mile section of the existing Hosensack –

Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Lines located in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania (the “Project”).

11. PPL Electric intends to demonstrate the Project is in the public interest because the existing Hosensack – Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line has reached an age and condition that the facilities must be replaced in order to continue to provide safe and reliable service to customers located in Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

12. PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that the proposed route for the rebuilt Hosensack – Quarry 138/69 kV #1 and #2 Transmission Line, Alternative Route A, was selected after an extensive, multi-faceted analysis to determine the overall best route for the proposed Project in accordance with the Commission’s regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 57.72(c). PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that, overall, the proposed route will have significantly less cumulative social, environmental, constructability, and financial impacts than the alternative route.

13. PPL Electric intends to show that the proposed Hosensack – Quarry 138/69 kV #1 and #2 Project will not create an unreasonable risk of danger to the health and safety of the public.

14. PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that the proposed Hosensack – Quarry 138/69 kV #1 and #2 Project will be constructed and operated in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

IV. WITNESSES

15. PPL Electric intends to present the following statements, in its case-in-chief, in support of the above-captioned Applications and Petitions:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Statement Nos.</u>	<u>Subject Matter of Testimony</u>
Douglas J. Grossman	PPL Electric St. No. 1	Provides an overview of the Project; describes the process employed by PPL Electric in developing, preparing and filing this Siting Application; provides an overview of the siting process used for this Project; explains the decision making process within PPL Electric for selecting the transmission line route; explains PPL Electric's corporate policy on measures to mitigate the impact of a transmission line; and describes the public outreach program employed by PPL Electric for this Project.
Christopher R. Szmodis	PPL Electric St. No. 2	Explains the need to rebuild the Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line; and describes PPL Electric's system planning process.
Peter Sparhawk	PPL Electric St. No. 3	Explains the environmental assessment, siting analysis, and selection of the route for the Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line Project.
Collin M. Glass	PPL Electric St. No. 4	Explains the design features of the rebuilt Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line; describes the safety features that will be incorporated into the design of the Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line; and explains PPL Electric's Magnetic Field Management Program and how it has been incorporated into the design of the rebuilt Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line.
Austin K. Weseloh	PPL Electric St. No. 5	Summarizes the existing right-of-way for the Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line; and explains the process that PPL Electric used to acquire any rights-of-way and easements necessary to rebuild the Hosensack - Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line.

In accordance with Section 57.74 of the Commission's regulations, 52 Pa. § 57.74, PPL Electric previously filed and served copies of these statements on all parties that received the Siting Application.

16. PPL Electric reserves the right to call additional witnesses to address any issues that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

V. DISCOVERY

17. To date, PPL Electric has not received any discovery requests. PPL Electric does not believe that any change or modification in the standard timelines for discovery set forth in the Commission's regulations is necessary or appropriate.

VI. LITIGATION SCHEDULE

18. PPL Electric is prepared to discuss the litigation schedule with the parties at the Prehearing Conference.

19. To the extent that the parties are unable to agree on a schedule, PPL Electric proposes that the following schedule be adopted for resolution of this proceeding:

Other Parties' Testimony	January 3, 2018
Rebuttal Testimony	January 24, 2018
Surrebuttal Testimony	February 7, 2018
Evidentiary Hearings	February 14-15, 2018
Initial Briefs	March 1, 2018
Reply Briefs	March 8, 2018

VII. PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

20. As explained in PPL Electric's Siting Application and Direct Testimony, PPL Electric undertook extensive public outreach efforts during the siting stage of the Hosensack – Quarry 138/69 kV #1 and #2 Project and has incorporated the results of those efforts into the

siting and design of the proposed Hosensack – Quarry 138/69 kV #1 and #2 Transmission Line to the greatest extent practical.

21. PPL Electric served copies of the Siting Application and Notice of Filing on all applicable landowners, agencies, and entities as required by the Commission's regulations

22. PPL Electric published notice of the Prehearing Conference and due date for interventions for two consecutive weeks in two different newspapers of general circulation within the Project area.

23. Given these public outreach efforts, PPL Electric does not believe that there is sufficient public interest to warrant a public input hearing.

VIII. SETTLEMENT

24. PPL Electric remains open and available for settlement discussions with the other parties.

25. PPL Electric does not perceive any need to include specific dates for settlement conferences in the procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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