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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street – Filing Room
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation For approval to Rebuild the Hosensack Quarry # 1 and #2 138/69kV Transmission Line in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania; Docket No. A-2017-2625559; **PSU PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed you will find The Pennsylvania State University's Petition for Leave to Withdraw Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced proceedings. Copies have been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Steven K. Haas

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval to Rebuild the Hosensack Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2017-2625559

**PETITION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.94, intervenor The Pennsylvania State University (“PSU”), by its undersigned counsel, files this Petition for Leave to Withdraw its Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its Petition, PSU states as follows:

1. On September 19, 2017, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) 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 in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania*, which was assigned Docket No. A-2017-2625559 (the “Application”). The Application seeks approval to rebuild approximately 14.6 miles of the existing Hosensack – Quarry #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Lines located in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania (the “Project”). With a few minor exceptions, the route proposed by the Application (the “Proposed Route”) involves rebuilding the 14.6-mile segment of the existing lines within the existing right-of-way.

2. The Commission published a notice of the Application in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on October 14, 2017, 47 Pa. B. 6451 (Oct. 14, 2017) (the “Notice”). The Notice stated that formal

protests and petitions to intervene must be filed and served in accordance with the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code on or before November 27, 2017, and that the initial prehearing conference will be held before the ALJ on December 4, 2017.

3. On November 14, 2017, PSU timely filed a petition to intervene in this application proceeding ("Petition to Intervene"). The Petition to Intervene averred that the Application proposes siting the rebuilt transmission lines within an existing PPL Electric right-of-way across a portion of PSU's Lehigh Valley campus, and that, therefore, the resolution of this proceeding likely would affect PSU's rights with respect to the occupation and use of those portions of the Lehigh Valley Campus subject to, and/or proximate to, the right-of-way in which PPL Electric seeks site the Project.

4. On December 4, 2017, a prehearing conference was held by the Honorable Steven K. Haas, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). At the prehearing conference, ALJ Haas granted the Petition to Intervene and set a procedural schedule for this matter.

5. Counsel for PSU has conferred with counsel for PPL Electric, who has authorized the undersigned to represent that PPL Electric does not object to the withdrawal of the Petition to Intervene.

6. Good cause exists to grant PSU leave to withdraw the Petition to Intervene: no party objects to such withdrawal, and withdrawal will allow this proceeding to be streamlined and resolved active participation by PSU, thus conserving the resources of the Commission and the parties.

Wherefore, for all of the foregoing reasons, PSU respectfully requests that this petition be granted and that it be granted leave to withdraw its Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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Dated this 7th day of December, 2017.