

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Curtis Minium	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2019-3006974
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
ORDERING RESPONDENT TO FILE A STATUS REPORT**

An administrative hearing was convened on the above-captioned case on March 21, 2019. Prior to the presentation of any evidence, the parties engaged in off-the-record settlement discussions. Once back on the record, the parties agreed to continue their settlement efforts, adjourn the hearing, and file a status report within thirty days.

March 21, 2019, I issued an Interim Order, directing the parties to submit a status report no later than April 22, 2019.

On April 22, 2019, I received a status report from Complainant. It is unclear from the status report whether Complainant copied Respondent. Therefore, I have attached a copy of Complainant's status report to this Interim Order as Attachment A. In his status report, Complainant details the developments in this case since the March 21, 2019 proceeding, identifies outstanding issues, and lists some questions he has.

I did not receive a status report from Respondent. Respondent is directed to submit a written status report within five days of service of this Interim Order.

Under the circumstances, it is necessary and proper to schedule a prehearing conference. The parties shall fully participate in a prehearing conference on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. I will preside from an available Pittsburgh Hearing Room, Suite 220, Piatt Place, 301 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, and the parties will participate by telephone.

Written prehearing memoranda is not required. The parties should be prepared to provide a status update, discuss all outstanding issues, and identify possibilities for settlement.

The parties are encouraged to continue their settlement discussions prior to the prehearing conference on May 22, 2019. **Respondent is directed to contact Complainant within one week of service of this Interim Order to address the outstanding issues and questions Complainant listed in his status report.**

The parties are further reminded to serve me directly with a copy of any pleading that you file with the Commission's Secretary in this proceeding, and to copy the other party on any document you send to me.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Respondent shall, within five days of service of this Interim Order, submit a written status report.

2. That Respondent shall, within one week of service of this Interim Order, contact Complainant to discuss potential settlement and address the issues and questions Complainant lists in his status report.

3. That the parties shall participate by telephone at a prehearing conference on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and shall be fully prepared for the conference, consistent with the terms set forth above.

4. That to participate in the hearing, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a PIN number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name and then the telephone system will connect you to the hearing. If you have any witnesses you want to have present during the hearing, you must provide them with the telephone number and PIN number.

Toll-free Bridge Number: 877.653.9972
Passcode: 29149724

You must call into the hearing on the scheduled day and time. If you fail to do so, your case may be dismissed. You will not be called by the Administrative Law Judge.

Date: April 24, 2019

/s/
Emily I. DeVoe
Administrative Law Judge

Encl: Complainant's Status Report dated April 18, 2019 (Attachment A)

ATTACHMENT A

To: Emily I. DeVoe, Administrative Law Judge
From: Curtis and Linda Minium
Case No: C-2019-300697 Status Report
Date: April 18, 2019

Called P. P. and L. at 9:09 a.m. on March 22, 2019. Spoke to a representative of said company, was put on hold, and at 9:14, the call was disconnected.

Recalled immediately and was finally connected to Customer Service. This company representative seemed very cordial and interested in helping me. The questions that I asked were:

Could I get copies of the history of power outages from 1994-2014?
(I thought having the entire history of the power outages that Stetler Ave. residents had endured would paint a more complete picture.)

Could you tell me if the Stetler Ave. line was ever part of a larger grid?

Where do road crews originate from to service Stetler Ave.?

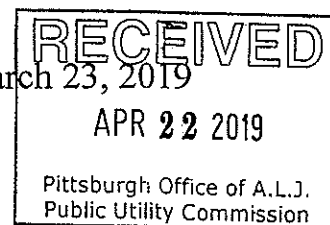
As to question 1 concerning history of power outages, the representative said she would e-mail the foreman in that area and told me the response would take 48-72 hours. To date, I have not gotten a response.

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Jaken also informed us that area was trimmed in 2015, and the next scheduled trim will be in 2021 (the year that the relocation is to take place.)

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from Ms. Krupka.

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Additional questions we have since the hearing:

What impact does the Emerald Ash Borer infestation have on the hollow and P. P. and L.'s tree maintenance schedule/activities?

How many complaints has P. P. and L. has received from Stetler Ave. residents concerning outages?

How many complaints has the PUC received from Stetler Ave. residents?

What about making accomodations? Could some sub-contractor check the hollow more often and remove any problomatic trees, if any, sooner then every six years? Could the sub-contractor provide a written progress report to someone with oversight outside of P. P. and L., such as the PUC?

Available dates:

May 3, 2019

May 7, 2019

May 10, 2019

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