**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. :

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v. : R-2020-3022134

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Pike County Light and Power Company - Gas :

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. :

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v. : R-2020-3022135

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Pike County Light and Power Company - Electric :

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Motion for a Protective Order that was filed by Pike County Light & Power Company on March 9, 2021;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Protective Order is hereby granted with respect to the material and information identified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 below, which have been or will be filed with the Commission, have been disclosed in discovery, or otherwise presented during the above-captioned proceeding and all proceedings consolidated therewith. All persons previously or hereafter granted access to the materials and information identified in Ordering Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Protective Order shall use and disclose such information only in accordance with this Protective Order.
2. The material or information subject to this Protective Order includes discovery, testimony, and exhibits that may be filed by various witnesses and parties that contains Proprietary Information. To the extent any additional Proprietary Information is filed with the Commission or presented in this proceeding, such information shall also be subject to this Protective Order.
3. “CONFIDENTIAL” materials are those materials which customarily are treated by that party as sensitive or proprietary, which are not available to the public, and which, if disclosed freely, would subject that party or its clients to risk of competitive disadvantage or other business injury. “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” materials are those materials that are of such a commercially sensitive nature among the parties or of such a private, personal nature that the producing party is able to justify a heightened level of confidential protection with respect to those materials. For example but without limitation, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” information may include Proprietary Information that constitutes or describes: (i) customer names or prospective customers’ names, addresses, annual usage, or other customer-identifying information; (ii) competitive strategies or service alternatives; (iii) competitive pricing or discounting information; and (iv) marketing materials that have not yet been used. Together, these Confidential and Highly Confidential materials will be referred to as “Proprietary Information” for the purposes of this Protective Order.
4. The following pre-served testimony and exhibits to be submitted for admission into the record contain CONFIDENTIAL information and will receive protections as set forth in this order:

**R-2020-3022134 (Gas)**

OCA Statement No. 1, the Direct Testimony of Dante Mugrace

**R-2020-3022135 (Electric)**

OCA Statement No. 1, the Direct Testimony of Dante Mugrace

1. The following pre-served testimony and exhibits to be submitted admission into the record contain HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information and will receive protections as set forth in this order:

**R-2020-3022134 (Gas)**

I&E Exhibit No. 1

**R-2020-3022135 (Electric)**

I&E Exhibit No. 1

1. Proprietary Information shall be made available to counsel who has entered an appearance in this proceeding and does not have responsibilities constituting a Restricted Party for the non-producing Party, subject to the terms of this Protective Order. Such counsel shall use or disclose the Proprietary Information only for purposes of preparing or presenting evidence or filings in this proceeding.
2. In addition, information deemed as “CONFIDENTIAL” material shall be made available to a “Reviewing Representative” who is a person who is:

(i) An expert or an employee of an expert retained by a party for the purpose of advising, preparing for or testifying in this proceeding; or

(ii) Employees or other representatives of a party appearing in this proceeding with significant responsibility for this docket.

Information deemed as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” material may be provided to a “Reviewing Representative” who is:

(i) An expert or an employee of an expert retained by a party for the purposes of advising, preparing for or testifying in this proceeding; or

(ii) A person designated by agreement between the producing party and the non-producing party as a Reviewing Representative for purposes of Highly Confidential; and who is

(iii) Not a “Restricted Party” as defined in Paragraph 6 of this Protective Order.

A qualified “Reviewing Representative” for “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” material may review and discuss “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” material with their client or with the entity with which they are employed or associated, to the extent that the client or entity is not a “Restricted Person”, but may not share with or permit the client or entity to review the “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” material. Such discussions must be general in nature and not disclose specific “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” information. However, counsel for I&E, OCA, and OSBA may share Proprietary Information with the I&E Director, Consumer Advocate, and Small Business Advocate, respectively, without obtaining a Non-Disclosure Certificate from these individuals, provided that these individuals otherwise abide by the terms of this Protective Order.

1. A Reviewing Representative or counsel entering appearance may not be a “Restricted Party.” “Restricted Party” shall mean: (a) an officer, director, stockholder, partner, owner or employee of any competitor of a Party; (b) an officer, director, stockholder, partner, owner or employee of any affiliate of a competitor of a Party (including any association of competitors of a Party); (c) an officer, director, stockholder, owner or employee of a competitor of a customer of a Party if the Proprietary Information concerns a specific identifiable customer of the Party; (d) an officer, director, stockholder, owner or employee of an affiliate of a competitor of a customer of a Party if the Proprietary Information concerns a specific identifiable customer of the Party; (e) an officer, director, stockholder, owner or employee of an entity which has sold electricity to a Party in the last twenty-four (24) months; provided, however, that no expert shall be disqualified on account of being a stockholder, partner, or owner unless that expert’s interest in the business would provide a significant motive for violation of the limitations of permissible use of the Proprietary Information. For purposes of this Protective Order, stocks, partnership, or other ownership interests valued at more than $10,000 or constituting more than a 1% interest in a business establishes a significant motive for violation.
2. The Office of Small Business Advocate’s consultant, Mr. Robert D. Knecht, will not be considered to be a “Restricted Person” and Paragraph 6 will not apply to Mr. Knecht, provided that Mr. Knecht does not share, distribute, or discuss the Proprietary Information with any person except authorized OSBA representatives.
3. No other person may have access to the Proprietary Information except as authorized by order of the Commission or the Presiding Administrative Law Judge. Such persons shall use and disclose such information only in accordance with this Protective Order.
4. Proprietary Information produced in this proceeding shall be made available to the Commission and its Staff. For purposes of filing, to the extent that Proprietary Information is placed in the Commission’s report folders, such information shall be handled in accordance with routine Commission procedures inasmuch as the report folders are not subject to public disclosure. To the extent that Proprietary Information is placed in the Commission’s testimony or document folders, such information shall be separately bound, conspicuously marked, and accompanied by a copy of this Protective Order. Public inspection of Proprietary Information shall be permitted only in accordance with this Protective Order.
5. The nonproducing Party will consider and treat the Proprietary Information as within the exemptions from disclosure provided in the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law, Act of February 14, 2008, P.L. 6, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-67.3104, effective January 1, 2009, until such time as the information is found to be non-proprietary.
6. Any public reference to Proprietary Information by a Party shall be to the title or exhibit reference in sufficient detail to permit persons with access to the Proprietary Information to fully understand the reference and not more. The Proprietary Information shall remain a part of the record, to the extent admitted, for all purposes of administrative or judicial review.
7. Part of any record of this proceeding containing Proprietary Information shall be sealed for all purposes, including administrative and judicial review, unless such Proprietary Information is released from the restrictions of this Protective Order, either through the agreement of the Parties or pursuant to an order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission or appellate court.
8. The nonproducing Party shall retain the right to question or challenge the confidential or proprietary nature of Proprietary Information. If a nonproducing Party challenges the designation of a document or information as within the definition established in paragraph 3 of this Protective Order, the Party providing the information retains the burden of demonstrating that the designation is appropriate.
9. Each Party shall retain the right to question or challenge the admissibility of Proprietary Information; to object to the production of Proprietary Information on any proper ground other than confidentiality; to refuse to produce Proprietary Information pending the adjudication of the objection; and to seek additional measures of protection of Proprietary Information beyond those provided in this Protective Order.
10. Within 30 days after a Commission Final Order is entered in the above-captioned proceeding, or in the event of appeals, within 30 days after appeals are finally decided, the nonproducing Party, upon request, shall either destroy or return to the producing Party all copies of all documents and other materials not entered into the record, including notes, which contain any Proprietary Information. In the event that the nonproducing Party elects to destroy all copies of documents and other materials containing Proprietary Information instead of returning the copies of documents and other materials containing Proprietary Information to the producing Party, the nonproducing Party shall certify in writing to the producing Party that the Proprietary Information has been destroyed.

Date: March 10, 2021 /s/

Mary D. Long

Administrative Law Judge

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**R-2020-3022135 - PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION v. PIKE COUNTY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY – ELECTRIC**

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