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**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 :

**ORDER ON**

**FILING JOINT STIPULATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT**

On October 26, 2020, Pike County Light & Power Company (PCLP), filed Supplement No. 110 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 to become effective December 28, 2020, and docketed at R-2020-3022134 (Gas Filing). Tariff 6 contains proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce $262,000 (16%) in additional annualrevenues.

Also on October 26, 2020, Pike County Light & Power Company (PCLP), filed Supplement No. 82 to Tariff Electric - Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 (Tariff No. 8) to become effective December 28, 2020, and docketed at R-2020-3022135 (Electric Filing). Tariff No. 8 contains proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce an increase of $1,933,600 (24.7%) in additional annualrevenues.

BIE filed entries of appearance in both cases. OCA and OSBA, each filed complaints to both filings. Additionally, several ratepayers filed formal complaints. By order entered December 17, 2020, the Commission suspended the Gas and Electric Filings until July 28, 2021, and instituted an investigation to determine the lawfulness, justness and reasonableness of the rates rules and regulations contained in the proposed tariff supplements.

By hearing notice dated December 17, 2020, the filings were assigned to me and a prehearing conference was scheduled for January 11, 2021. The prehearing conference was held as scheduled and evidentiary hearings were scheduled to take place beginning on March 9, 2021.

By email dated – the active parties notified me that they had reached an agreement in principle and that cross-examination was waived for all witnesses. Accordingly, the hearings were cancelled, and the parties were directed to file a Joint Petition for the Admission of Evidence on or before March 12, 2021.

THEREFORE,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. The parties shall file separate joint petitions for settlement along with separate statements in support for Docket R-2020-3022134 and R-2020-3012135, on or before **Friday,** **April 9, 2021.**

2**.** Pike County Light and Power Company shall serve a copy of the settlements on all ratepayers who have filed formal complaints in each proceeding.

3. That any party wishing to object to the proposed settlements must file their objections in writing with the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau and provide a copy to me as well as the parties named on the enclosed service list so that they are **received** on or before 4:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 19, 2021**. Service on me and the other parties to this proceeding may be by email. Late-filed objections will not be considered in the decision of this case.

4. That the record will close without further order on April 20, 2021.

5. That Statements in Support submitted by the parties shall conform to the following:

a. The parties are to agree on a common outline for statements in support, including headings and sub-headings. Every party need not address every issue, but should use the same headings.

b. Technical terms and concepts are to be clearly defined and explained. The parties are to agree on a list of common acronyms and use them consistently.

c. Statements in Support should be specific about how the settlement benefits your client, particularly as it relates to any elements of the rate calculation that are in a black box. Boilerplate language regarding the general utility of settlements is not a substitute for an explanation a party’s support for the settlement. It is recommended that the parties address the testimony from the February 8, 2021 public input hearings.

6. The Settlements shall include proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and ordering paragraphs.

7. The Settlements should also include a rate impact analysis:

a. For residential, commercial, and industrial rate classes:

1. Proposed monthly customer charge from initial filing and percentage of increase

2. Proposed impact on average customer bill and percentage of increase

3. Settlement monthly customer charge and percentage of increase

4. Settlement impact on average customer bill and percentage of increase

b. Initially proposed revenues and settlement revenues expressed in dollars and percentage of increase

Date: March 10, 2021 /s/

Mary D. Long

Administrative Law Judge

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**&**

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