

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING 400 NORTH STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17120

July 15, 2022

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO OUR FILE C-2020-3019763

Re: Lawrence Kingsley v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Docket No. C-2020-3019763

TO ALL PARTIES:

By Secretarial Letter dated June 15, 2022, the Commission issued the Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Buckley in the above referenced matter. Among other things, the Secretarial Letter provided that Exceptions are due within twenty days of the date of that letter, or in other words, by July 5, 2022, and that Replies to Exceptions are due within ten days after the date that Exceptions are due, or in other words, by July 15, 2022.

On July 5, 2022, the complainant, Lawrence Kingsley, timely filed Exceptions. On July 8, 2022, Mr. Kingsley filed a Motion to Amend Exceptions (Motion), and by separate filing that same date also filed Amended Exceptions. In the Motion, Mr. Kingsley seeks leave to amend his Exceptions, asserting that he timely submitted Exceptions on the due date, but "because of other work, he was rushed to meet this deadline and made a number of typos and verbal errors" that he wished to correct. He further asserted that additional elaboration would be helpful to the Commission, would aid decision making, and would not prejudice the respondent, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL).

A Motion to Amend Exceptions is not a pleading recognized or authorized in the Commission's Regulations, for post-hearing relief or otherwise. While we have discretion to liberally construe our Regulations, such discretion is authorized to disregard an error or defect of procedure that does not affect the substantive rights of the parties when it will assist in securing the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of proceedings. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.2. Acceptance of the proffered substantive amendment to Exceptions does not qualify under this Regulation.

We may also grant a motion to extend a prescribed time period for an action if good cause is shown and if the motion is made before the expiration of the time period originally prescribed. See 52 Pa. Code § 1.15. Even if we were to deem Mr. Kingsley's pleading to be a motion for an extension of time, the motion was untimely filed, and the rush to meet the original deadline because of other work does not present good cause shown.

For these reasons, we deny Mr. Kingsley's Motion to Amend, reject the Amended Exceptions as improvidently filed out of time, and strike them from the record.

Should you have any questions you may contact the Office of Special Assistants at 717-787-1827.

Very truly yours,

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary