

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**PETITION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES  
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
ITS THIRD LONG-TERM  
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN**

**PUBLIC MEETING OF DECEMBER 22, 2022  
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**STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN STEPHEN M. DeFRANK**

Before the Commission for consideration is the Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) for Approval of its Third Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan (LTIIP). The Plan covers a five-year period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.

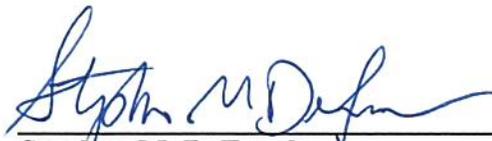
Act 11 of 2012 allows certain public utilities like PPL to establish a distribution system improvement charge (DSIC) to recover reasonable and prudent costs incurred from the repair, improvement, or replacement of eligible property that is part of the utility's distribution system in between rate cases. 66 Pa.C.S. § 1353. A utility must file an LTIIP in order to implement a DSIC.

Since the approval of PPL's first LTIIP in January of 2013, PPL has been able to increase capital investment through the DSIC to address aging infrastructure in its distribution system. As a result of these investments, PPL reversed the previous trend of growth for equipment failures. The reduction of the number of equipment failures experienced on PPL's electric distribution system should positively impact reliability performance.

In its third LTIIP, PPL proposes to spend approximately \$512 million of DSIC eligible expenditures over the next five years. These expenditures cover a broad spectrum of programs intended to improve or replace distribution related equipment and facilities and therefore reduce equipment failure. Such investments include, but are not limited to, poles, animal guards, underground facilities, substations, transformers, circuit breakers, and reclosers. This dollar amount represents a decrease from PPL's spending associated with its first and second LTIIPs, which were approximately \$691 million and \$732 million, respectively.

While continued capital investment is necessary to maintain or improve PPL's downward long-term trend in equipment failure, PPL's third LTIIP demonstrates that the intended purposes of the LTIIP and DSIC are being realized. The timely recovery of reasonable and prudent costs associated with the repair and replacement of PPL's aging infrastructure has contributed to the health of PPL's distribution system.

**December 22, 2022**  
**Date**

  
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**Stephen M. DeFrank**  
**Vice Chairman**