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C-2019-3008272

November 2, 2023

Re: *Michael and Sharon Hartman v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*
Docket No. C-2019-3008272

TO ALL PARTIES:

This matter is a complaint proceeding in which Michael and Sharon Hartman, the Complainants, alleging that the company abused its right-of-way through the customer's property during a transmission line rebuild project, causing damage to the customer's land and vegetation on the property. Following a hearing, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Steven K. Haas' decision granted, in part, and denied, in part, the formal Complaint.

By Secretarial Letter dated October 3, 2023, the Commission sent ALJ Haas' Initial Decision electronically to the Parties' email addresses on file with the Commission. The Secretarial Letter provided, among other things, that Exceptions were due within twenty days of the date of that letter and Replies to Exceptions were due within ten (10) days after the Exceptions. Exceptions were filed by the Complainants and PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL), on October 19, 2023 and October 23, 2023, respectively.

On October 25, 2023, Michael and Sharon Hartman filed a Letter -Petition requesting an extension of time to file Replies to Exceptions with PPL and the Commission's Office of Special Assistants but failed to file the Letter – Petition with the Secretary's Bureau of the Commission. In support of their request, the Hartmans state that they will not have access to the internet during the time frame for filing Replies to Exceptions.

We also note that on October 26, 2023, PPL filed a letter stating: (1) that it does not oppose the Complainants' request for a 10-day extension of the Replies to Exceptions deadline; and (2) that if the Commission granted the requested extension, PPL also requests that the deadline its Replies to Complainants' Exceptions also be extended to November 13, 2023.

Our Regulations permit that our procedural requirements "be liberally construed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action. . ." and provides that the Commission may disregard defects which do not affect the parties' substantive rights. *See*, 52 Pa. Code §1.2(a). We will apply that rule here and overlook the defect of

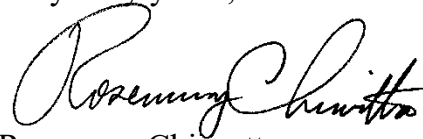
the failure to file the Letter-Petition with the Commission since the Complainants are *pro se*. However, we remind the Complainants that under Commission Regulations they are required to submit their filings to the Commission's Secretary's Bureau in addition to serving the documents on PPL in accordance with our Regulations. *See*, 52 Pa. Code §1.4; 52 Pa. Code §1.54.

Under the circumstances in this case, we will grant the request for an extension of time in order to ensure due process is provided. The Commission's Regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(a)(1) permits the Commission to grant an extension of time before the expiration of the period originally prescribed for good cause. We find that the Hartmans and PPL have shown reasonable grounds upon which to grant an extension of time to file Replies to Exceptions.

Therefore, we shall require that Reply Exceptions be filed no later than ten (10) days from the original date for Replies to Exceptions or November 13, 2023.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "C".

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary