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To Whom It May Concern,

08/16/2021

Please consider this formal/written notice that I have serious safety concerns over power lines attached to utility pole (23545/S39223) in my back yard. I consider these lines to be a safety hazard to myself, my family, and our lives and property. These lines run to a pole that is rather old and has an attached transformer. They run along the path of old Clarks Valley Road and are now land-locked and can only be accessed by foot down a 50-yard wooded embankment. It is my firm belief that when Clarks Valley Road was moved to its current location, these power lines should have been moved along with it from the rear of my property to the front of my property to ensure ease of access and safety of residents.

I first reported concerns on February 26, 2021 after hearing buzzing coming from the transformer. I called PPL, work order 58573261 was created to address my concerns. I heard nothing back surrounding these concerns. On March 26, 2021 the lines were knocked down and started a brush fire on my property, which the local fire department had to respond to considering the nation-wide caution surrounding wild-fires. Thank goodness no one's life was lost in this event, and the only damage was some downed fence and burned ground.

After this incident, I called PPL again to report that I hadn't heard anything on my work order. On March 29, 2021 I heard from Steve Kohr, we made arrangements for a property walkthrough with an engineer. Both Mr. Kohr and a PPL engineer walked my property and viewed my concerns on April 5, 2021. Again, I heard nothing after their visit. I texted Mr. Kohr

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on 5/17/2021 to see if there was any update. I called Mr. Kohr in June, left a voicemail, received no return call. I called PPL on July 26, 2021 to address my concerns and the fact that I could not reach Mr. Kohr about my work order. On July 27, 2021, I received a call from Mr. Kohr to let me know they could move the transformer, but not the lines from their current location. He stated that we could revisit the prospect of moving the lines, pole, and transformer in 2 years.

On 8/10/2021 a downburst hit my property causing the lines to go down, insulator to be knocked over, top of the pole to be shattered, and the pole itself to tilt, with a 3-inch gap between the ground and pole. That evening, I communicated several times with PPL contractors about their plans and their ability to walk through my property down a 50-foot embankment to reach the pole and lines. On the morning of August 11th, 2021 I noticed the pole tilt, and a line still hanging low, I also noticed that they cut the pole shorter to remove the split end and re-attach the insulator. I called PPL to address the safety concern. The same day, the sub-contractors revisited my home, crawled down the embankment once again, stated that the pole tilt was fine and that the line was a comcast line. I have called Comcast for assistance, to no avail.

To date, I am left with a shorter, leaning pole with a comcast line hanging at neck height, and wires leaving my property significantly closer to the ground than before (due to a tree still being on them), and spliced at both ends. I need assistance in removing these lines, pole and attached transformer to the front of my property to minimize the risk to my health/life and property, and that of my young family and farmstead.

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It is only a matter of time before lines fall again, or the older pole reaches its limit and both crash to the ground once again, putting my family and home at great risk. It would be grossly negligent for PPL to allow my calls, texts, and now formal letter to go unanswered without response to my concerns.

Thank your prompt response to my concerns,

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