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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of a Default Service Program and Procurement Plan from June 1, 2025 Through May 31, 2029 – Docket No. P-2024-3047290

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Retail Energy Supply Association's ("RESA") Prehearing Memorandum with regard to the above-referenced matter. Copies to be served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely

Deanne M. O'Dell

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DMO/lww Enclosure

cc: Hon. F. Joseph Brady w/enc. Cert. of Service w/enc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of RESA's Prehearing Memorandum upon

the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa.

Code Section 1.54.

Via Email Only

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of a Default Service Program and Procurement Plan from June 1, 2025 Through May 31, 2029

Docket No. P-2024-3047290

PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.72-5.75, the Prehearing Conference Order dated April 16, 2024, and subject to the granting of its Petition to Intervene filed on April 18, 2024, the Retail Energy Supply Association ("RESA")¹ submits this Prehearing Memorandum.

I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

On March 12, 2024, the PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL" or the "Company") filed a petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "PUC") proposing to establish the terms and conditions under which it will procure default service supplies, provide default service to non-shopping customers, satisfy requirements imposed by the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act ("AEPS Act") and recover all associated costs on a full and current basis for the period from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2029. By public notice published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 30, 2024, the Commission established a deadline of April 19, 2024 for formal protests, petitions to intervene and answers. A telephonic prehearing conference has been scheduled for April 26, 2024 before Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") F. Joseph Brady.

¹ The comments expressed in this filing represent the position of the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) as an organization but may not represent the views of any particular member of the Association. Founded in 1990, RESA is a broad and diverse group of retail energy suppliers dedicated to promoting efficient, sustainable and customer-oriented competitive retail energy markets. RESA members operate throughout the United States delivering value-added electricity and natural gas service at retail to residential, commercial and industrial energy customers. More information on RESA can be found at www.resausa.org.

The adjudication of PPL's Petition will have a direct impact on the ability of RESA's members to provide competitive electric supply to retail customers in PPL's service territory because the structure of the default service product, including how supply is procured and how the resulting retail price is portrayed to customers, directly impacts whether or not RESA members are well positioned to develop and offer customers competitive retail options. In addition, PPL, as the default service supplier and the historical monopoly provider, continues to maintain direct access and control of necessary information, data and operations necessary to facilitate the ability of RESA members to access critical operations necessary to provide competitive supply to retail customers. RESA seeks to intervene in this proceeding for the purpose of evaluating the proposed changes by PPL as well as other parties who may intervene in this processing and any associated impacts on the ability of EGSs to continue to operate in the PPL service territory by offering competitive supply options to retail end user customers.

II. <u>ISSUES</u>

As explained in its Petition to Intervene, many RESA members are licensed to provide electric supply to retail customers in the PPL service territory and will be specifically and substantially affected by the outcome of this proceeding, which may alter the terms and conditions under which electric generation suppliers ("EGSs") provide service to retail end users. RESA members are continuing to evaluate PPL's proposals and the forthcoming positions of other parties in relation to their interests and will determine to what extent, if necessary, it identifies issues necessary to bring to the Commission's attention. As such, RESA reserves the right to raise other issues identified through its continued review and analysis in this case.

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III. <u>PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</u>

RESA will cooperate with the parties and presiding officer to develop a reasonable procedural schedule.

IV. <u>HEARINGS</u>

At this time, RESA continues to evaluate the issues in this proceeding and is unable to estimate the amount of hearing time (if any) that may be needed.

V. <u>WITNESSES</u>

RESA has identified the following witness:

Joseph Oliker Deputy General Counsel Interstate Gas Supply Inc. d/b/a IGS Energy 6100 Emerald Parkway Dublin, OH 43016

RESA also reserves its right to add or change the identity of its witnesses at any time, upon

appropriate notice to the ALJ and the parties.

VI. <u>POSSIBILITY OF SETTLEMENT</u>

RESA is willing to participate in settlement discussions with the parties to narrow the

issues in this matter.

VII. <u>SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS</u>

RESA's attorneys in this matter are:

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Respectfully submitted,

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