

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	
for a Waiver of the Distribution System	:	
Improvement Charge Cap of 5% of Billed	:	P-2024-3048732
Revenues	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

On April 26, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company), filed a Petition for a Waiver of the Distribution System Improvement Charge Cap of 5% of Billed Revenues (Petition) proposing to increase PPL's existing Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) cap from 5% to 9.0% for bills rendered on or after January 1, 2025.

On May 16, 2024, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) filed an Answer opposing the Petition.

On May 16, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed an Answer to the Petition.

On May 16, 2024, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Intervention with respect to the Petition. In addition, Sharon E. Webb, Esquire filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of OSBA.

On May 22, 2024, the matter was assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge. On May 23, 2024, the matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Arlene Ashton.

A Prehearing Conference is scheduled in this case for **Monday, June 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** The undersigned administrative law judge will preside telephonically. To participate

in the hearing, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a PIN number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name and then the telephone system will connect you to the hearing.

Toll-free Bridge Number: 1-877-989-3761
PIN Number: 25585319

You must call into the conference on the scheduled day and time. Failure of any party to attend the prehearing conference without good cause shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the prehearing conference. You will not be called by the Administrative Law Judge.

The parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. Each party must e-file and/or serve by email, prior to **10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024**, a Prehearing Conference Memorandum which sets forth the history of the proceeding, the issues you intend to present, a proposed plan and schedule of discovery, a listing of your proposed witnesses and the subject of their testimony, and a proposed procedural schedule, agreed to by all parties if possible. **Parties represented by multiple attorneys must designate a primary speaker for the purposes of the prehearing conference.**

2. That a request for a change of the scheduled Prehearing Conference date must state the agreement or opposition of other participants and must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the Prehearing Conference. 52 Pa.Code § 1.15(b). Requests for changes of the Prehearing Conference date must be sent to me and all participants of record. My correct address is:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
801 Market Street, Suite 4063
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Telephone: 215-560-2105
Fax: 215-560-3133

3. That absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled Prehearing Conference. Failure of a party to participate in the conference, after being served with notice of the date, time, and location thereof, without good cause shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached, and an order or ruling with respect thereto.

4. At the prehearing conference, we will discuss the following:

- 1) The litigation and procedural schedule;
- 2) A proposed plan and schedule of discovery;
- 3) Possibility of settlement;
- 4) Issues;
- 5) Amount of hearing time needed;
- 6) Witnesses;
- 7) Schedule for submission of testimony, hearings, and briefs;
- 8) Public Input hearings; and
- 9) Any other appropriate matter.

5. That the parties shall review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa.Code § 5.331(b), which provides, inter alia, that “[a] party shall initiate discovery as early in the proceeding as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa.Code § 5.322, which encourages participants to exchange information on an informal basis. All participants are urged to cooperate in discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-372.

6. That pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §§ 1.21-1.23, if you are an individual you may represent yourself or you may be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted pro hac vice. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality, or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted pro hac vice represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall ensure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa.Code § 1.24(b).

7. That the parties must serve me directly with a copy of any document that they file in this proceeding. Also, if a party sends me any correspondence or document, that party must send a copy to all other parties that have declared they are actively participating in these proceedings. Parties may serve documents electronically by 4:30 p.m. to meet any required due date. Documents can be submitted to me and the participants by e-mail. My e-mail address is aashton@pa.gov.

8. That the parties shall stipulate to any matters they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burden of time and expense in litigation on all parties and conserve precious administrative hearing resources. 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.232 and 5.234. All stipulations entered into by the parties shall be reduced to writing, signed by the parties to be bound thereby, and moved into the record during the hearings in this case. An exception to this requirement may occur when circumstances warrant. If so, an oral presentation of a stipulation is permissible, if it is followed by a reduction to writing as herein directed.

9. That the parties are to confer amongst themselves in an attempt to resolve all or some of the issues associated with this Petition. The parties are reminded it is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa.Code § 5.231(a). The parties are strongly urged to seriously explore this possibility.

Date: May 29, 2024

_____/s/
Arlene Ashton
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

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