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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Re: Alecia M. Fick v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Docket No. C-2023-3042998

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing please find a Motion for Continuance on behalf of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies are being provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: The Honorable F. Joseph Brady (*via email; w/attachment*)
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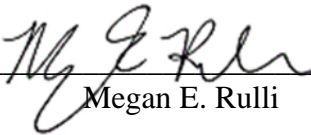
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Alecia M. Fick,	:	
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Complainant,	:	
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v.	:	Docket No. C-2023-3042998
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation,	:	
	:	
Respondent.	:	

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE F. JOSEPH BRADY:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric” or “Company”) hereby files this Unopposed Motion for a Continuance pursuant to Section 5.103 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.103, and requests that the evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 17, 2024, in the above-captioned Complaint proceeding be continued.

Good cause exists to grant a continuance in this matter because: (1) the Company’s sole witness who can testify to the net metering issues raised in the Complaint is unavailable on the scheduled date of the hearing; and (2) Counsel for PPL Electric has another Commission hearing scheduled for the same date and time as the hearing for this matter. In addition, Alicia M. Fick (“Complainant”) has indicated that she does not oppose the Company’s request for a continuance.

In support of the Unopposed Motion for Continuance, PPL Electric avers as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

1. PPL Electric furnishes electric service to approximately 1.4 million customers throughout its certificated service territory, which includes all or portions of twenty-nine counties

and encompasses approximately 10,000 square miles in eastern and central Pennsylvania. PPL Electric is a “public utility” and an “electric distribution company” as defined in Sections 102 and 2803 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 102, 2803.

2. On September 9, 2023, the Company was served with the above-captioned Complaint via Secretarial Letter from the Commission.

3. In the Complaint, the Complainant alleged that there are incorrect charges on her electric service bills because the Company is not properly crediting her net metering account for the electric generation produced by her solar panels.

4. On October 10, 2023, PPL Electric filed an Answer to the Complaint, admitting in part and denying in part the factual basis of the Complainant’s allegations.

5. Also on October 10, 2023, the Commission issued an Interim Order Setting Resolution Conference, instructing the parties to hold a conference about resolving the case on or before November 7, 2023.

6. On November 29, 2023, a telephonic mediation session was held. Although the parties attempted to resolve the matter without the need for an evidentiary hearing following the formal mediation session, the parties ultimately requested the matter be set for hearing on May 8, 2024.

7. On May 16, 2024, the Commission issued an Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing Notice, scheduling an evidentiary hearing for 10:00 AM, July 17, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge F. Joseph Brady (the “ALJ”).

8. On June 17, 2024, the ALJ issued a Prehearing Order confirming the date and time of the evidentiary hearing.

9. The evidentiary hearing for this matter is scheduled for 10:00 AM on July 17, 2024.

II. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

10. PPL Electric respectfully requests a continuance of the evidentiary hearing because: (1) the Complaint raises allegations related to the Complainant's net metering account and the Company's sole witness who can testify to these net metering issues is unavailable to appear for the hearing scheduled for July 17, 2024; and (2) Counsel for PPL Electric has a direct scheduling conflict with another Commission hearing scheduled at the same date and time.

11. Section 1.15(b) of the Commission's regulations states:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by statute, requests for continuance of hearings or for extension of time in which to perform an act required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time by this title or by order of the Commission or the presiding officer, shall be by motion in writing, timely filed with the Commission, stating the facts on which the application rests, except that during the course of a proceeding, the requests may be made by oral motion in the hearing before the Commission or the presiding officer. Only for good cause shown will requests for continuance be considered. The requests for a continuance should be filed at least 5 days prior to the hearing date.

52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b).

12. In addition, the Prehearing Order issued on June 17, 2024, provides the following:

You may request a continuance of the hearing if you have a good reason. Continuances will be granted only for good cause. **To request a continuance, you must submit a written request to me and every other party (a "motion") at least five (5) days before the hearing.** Your motion should be served pursuant to paragraph 5 below. Your motion should include:

- (1) The case name, case number, and hearing date;
- (2) The reason you are requesting a continuance; and
- (3) State whether the other party(s) agrees to the request. If you do not know whether the other party(ies) agrees to the request, state that you do not know.

Prehearing Order, p. 2 (June 17, 2024).

13. Good cause exists to grant a continuance in this matter because the Company's net metering witness is unavailable between July 17 and July 19, 2024.

14. The issues raised in the Complaint concern allegations that the Company is not properly crediting the Complainant's net metering account for the electric generation produced by her solar panels.

15. To respond to the allegations in the Complaint, PPL Electric plans to call as a witness the customer service representative who oversees net metering accounts for PPL Electric and has personal knowledge of the Complainant's net metering account.

16. Unfortunately, the Company's witness is not available between July 17, 2024, and July 19, 2024.

17. The Company's ability to present a defense to the Complainant's claims would be significantly hindered if the hearing were held on the scheduled date, due to unavailability of its net metering witness.

18. In addition, Counsel for PPL Electric has a direct conflict with the scheduled hearing. Specifically, Counsel for PPL Electric has another case scheduled for hearing on July 17, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Docket No. C-2024-3048892.

19. Thus, good cause exists to continue the hearing given the unavailability of the Company's net metering witness and the direct scheduling conflict of PPL Electric's Counsel.

20. Further, on June 27, 2024, Counsel for PPL Electric reached out to the Complainant regarding the scheduling conflict and the Company's need to reschedule the hearing. PPL Electric can represent that the Complainant does not oppose the Company's request for a continuance.

21. For these reasons, PPL Electric respectfully requests a continuance of the hearing.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that a continuance of the hearing be granted in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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