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Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: Formal Protest of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's Proposed Rate Increase Docket No. P-2024-3048732

On behalf of the Millersburg Borough Council and our constituents, we are writing to formally oppose PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's (PPL) proposed increase in the maximum charge under its Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) from 5% to 9%, as detailed in Docket No. P-2024-3048732.

While we understand the necessity of infrastructure improvements to ensure reliable electric service, we believe the proposed rate increase is untimely and unjustified given the current economic climate. Our residents are already facing significant financial challenges due to rising costs of living and a sluggish economy. An increase in electric bills, particularly during these times, would impose an additional burden on residents who are striving to manage their household budgets.

The proposed increase may seem nominal in isolation. However, for many of our residents, especially those on fixed incomes or facing unemployment, even small increases in utility costs can have substantial impacts on their financial stability. Moreover, this increase does not account for the potential cumulative effect of multiple rate hikes across different utilities and services that our residents depend on.

We urge the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to consider the broader economic conditions and the impact on our community members when evaluating PPL's request. We request that the PUC deny the proposed rate increase or significantly reduce the proposed percentage to better align with the financial realities faced by the residents of Millersburg and the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your attention to this critical matter and look forward to a fair and balanced resolution.

Sincerely,

James A. Whitall
Borough Manager
On behalf of the Millersburg Borough Council

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