

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Lacey Bundschuh	:	F-2024-3048153
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v.	:	
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation,	:	
Constellation NewEnergy Inc.	:	
Inspire Energy Holdings LLC	:	
Respond Power LLC	:	

**ORDER GRANTING CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.’S  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

On March 25, 2024, Lacey Bundschuh (“Complainant”) filed a Formal Complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) against PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL”). Complainant checked the box on the Complaint form indicating that there were incorrect charges on her bill. Complainant goes on in her Complaint to raise issues concerning high billing, misapplied payments, switching suppliers without consent, payment arrangements, and cancelled and reissued bills.

On April 24, 2024, PPL filed an Answer to the Complaint, admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint, and requesting dismissal of the Complaint.

Also on April 24, 2024, PPL filed Preliminary Objections to the Complaint. In its Preliminary Objections, PPL sought dismissal of the Complaint pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(5), arguing that Complainant failed to join necessary parties (i.e. her former suppliers, Constellation NewEnergy Inc. (“Constellation”), Inspire Energy Holdings LLC (“Inspire”), and Respond Power LLC (“Respond”)).

On June 12, 2024, the Commission issued a Motion Judge Assignment Notice, assigning the matter to me as Presiding Officer.

On June 27, 2024, my Order Sustaining in part, and Denying in part, Respondent's Preliminary Objections was issued.

Also on June 27, 2024, my Order Joining Indispensable Parties was issued. The Order amended the caption of this proceeding to include, as Respondents, Constellation, Inspire, and Respond. The Order further directed the Commission's Secretary Bureau to serve the Complaint to these Respondents and directed Respondents to file Answers to the Complaint within 20 days of date of service.

Commission records indicate that the Complaint was served upon Constellation, Inspire, and Respond on June 27, 2024. No Answer was filed by Constellation, Inspire, or Respond within 20 days of date of service.

On July 29, 2024, Constellation filed a Petition for Extension of Time. In its Petition, Constellation indicated that it was engaged in settlement discussions with Complainant and requested additional time, until August 12, 2024, to complete settlement discussions and to file an Answer to the Complaint.

Section 1.15 of the Commission's regulations permit presiding officers to grant an extension of time.

(a) Extensions of time shall be governed by the following:

(1) Except as otherwise provided by statute, whenever under this title or by order of the Commission, or notice given thereunder, an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the time fixed or the period of time prescribed may, by the Commission, the presiding officer or other authorized person, for good cause be extended upon motion made before expiration of the period originally prescribed or as previously extended. Upon motion made after the expiration of the specified period, the act may be permitted to be done where reasonable grounds are shown for the failure to act.

52 Pa. Code § 1.15(a)(1).

It is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). The results of a settlement are usually more preferable to the results of a fully litigated proceeding. Thus, good cause exists to grant Constellation's Petition so that Complainant and Constellation can continue to explore avenues to resolve this matter as it relates to Complainant's issues against Constellation.<sup>1</sup> An Answer filed by Constellation on or before August 12, 2024, will be treated as having been timely filed, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(a).

Constellation's Petition will be granted in the Ordering paragraphs below.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Constellation NewEnergy Inc.'s Petition for Extension of Time, filed on July 29, 2024, in the matter of Lacey Bundschuh v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Constellation NewEnergy Inc., Inspire Energy Holdings LLC, and Respond Power LLC, at Docket No. F-2024-3048153, is granted.

2. That Constellation NewEnergy Inc. shall file an Answer, or a Certificate of Satisfaction (filed pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.24(b)), by August 12, 2024.

Date: July 31, 2024

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/s/  
Alphonso Arnold III  
Administrative Law Judge

<sup>1</sup> I will note, of course, that the filing of an Answer by a Respondent does not prevent Respondent from holding settlement discussions with Complainant.

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