

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :	:	P-2024-3048732
for a Waiver of the Distribution System	:	
Improvement Charge Cap of 5% of Billed	:	
Revenues	:	
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Michael L. Sperazza	:	
v.	:	C-2024-3049979
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	
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Paula Mercuri	:	
v.	:	C-2024-3050027
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	
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Angela Pesola	:	
v.	:	C-2024-3050205
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	
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John Theisen	:	
v.	:	C-2024-3050443
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	
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Sharon Frankenfield	:	C-2024-30450646
v.	:	
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	
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John Gadomski	:	C-2024-3050661
v.	:	
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

INTERIM ORDER
CONSOLIDATING DOCKETS

On April 26, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Inc. ("PPL" or "Company") filed a Petition requesting that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") waive the Company's Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") cap of 5% of billed revenues and increase the maximum allowable DSIC to 9% for bills rendered on or after January 1, 2025 (PPL Petition). The PPL Petition was docketed at P-2024-3048732.

On May 28, 2024, a prehearing conference notice was issued establishing a prehearing conference for the PPL Petition proceeding for June 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and assigning me as the presiding officer. In anticipation of that hearing, a prehearing order was also issued on May 29, 2024 setting forth hearing information and the rules that would govern that proceeding.

On June 18, 2024, a Prehearing Order was issued in the PPL Petition proceeding memorializing the procedural matters addressed at the prehearing conference and in subsequent exchanges with the parties

On June 29, 2024, a Notice of the PPL Petition was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin advising that protests, petitions to intervene and answers must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before July 8, 2024.

On July 10, 2024, the PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance ("PPLICA") filed a Petition to Intervene in the PPL Petition proceeding.

In addition, three individuals each filed a Formal Complaint in response to the PPL Petition. On July 5, 2024, Michael L. Sperazza and Paula Mercuri filed Formal Complaints. The third Formal Complaint was filed by Angela Pesola.

On July 22, 2024, a Notice of Telephonic Hearing on Evidence and Oral Rejoinder Testimony was issued, advising the parties that evidentiary hearing would be held on September 4-5, 2024, commencing at 10:00 am each day and providing instructions on how to call in to participate in the hearing.

On July 25, 2024, an Order was issued granting PPLICA's Petition to Intervene in the PPL Petition proceeding and consolidating the Formal Complaints filed by Mr. Sperazza, Ms. Mercuri and Ms. Pesola with the PPL Petition proceeding.

On July 18, 2024, a Formal Complaint was filed by John Theisen (Mr. Theisen) which was docketed at C-2024-3050443.¹ On July 19, 2024, two additional Formal Complaints were filed; one by Sharon Frankenfield (Ms. Frankenfield) which was docketed at C-2024-30450646,² and the other by John Gadomski (Mr. Gadomski), docketed at C-2024-3050661.³ (Mr. Theisen, Ms. Frankenfield and Mr. Gadomski collectively, Additional Complainants). The Formal Complaints filed by the Additional Complainants each referred to the PPL Petition proceeding, directly or indirectly.

Consolidation of Dockets

Section 5.81 of the Commission's rules governs consolidation of proceedings. This Section provides:

§ 5.81. Consolidation.

(a) The Commission or presiding officer, with or without motion, may order proceedings involving a common question of law or fact to be consolidated. The Commission or presiding officer may make orders concerning the conduct of the proceeding as may avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

52 Pa. Code § 5.81. The Formal Complaints filed by the Additional Complainants contain common questions of law and fact relating to the PPL Petition, and consolidation will avoid unnecessary delay or cost. Further, no party to the PPL Petition has expressed any objection to the consolidation of the dockets for the PPL Petition and those of the Additional Complainants. Accordingly, the dockets relating to the Formal Complaints filed by the Additional Complainants will be consolidated with the PPL Petition proceeding.

In light of the above, the Additional Complainants shall be bound by all Notices and Orders issued in the PPL Petition proceeding prior to the date of this Order.

¹ The Formal Complaint filed by Mr. Theisen was served on July 31, 2024.

² The Formal Complaint filed by Ms. Frankenfield was served on August 9, 2024.

³ The Formal Complaint filed by Mr. Gadomski was served on August 12, 2024.

The parties are reminded that Commission policy strongly encourages settlement. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The parties are encouraged to discuss the potential resolution of this matter to alleviate the need for a hearing to address the Fornal Complaints. To the extent that the parties are successful in resolving the matter, I ask the parties to keep me apprised.

A Telephonic Hearing on Evidence and Oral Rejoinder Testimony on the consolidated proceedings will be held on September 4-5, 2024, commencing at 10:00 am each day. All parties are expected to participate in the hearing. Failure of any party to attend the hearing without good cause shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the hearing.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That following dockets *John Theisen v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2024-3050443, *Sharon Frankenfield v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2024-3045064 and *John Gadomski v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2024-3050661 are hereby consolidated with the *Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for a Waiver of the Distribution System Improvement Charge Cap of 5% of Billed Revenues*, Docket No. P-2024-3048732; *Michael L. Sperazza v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2024-3049979; *Paula Mercuri v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2024-3050027; and *Angela Pesola v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2024-3050205.

2. The Additional Complainants shall be bound by all Notices and Orders issued in the PPL Petition proceeding prior to the date of this Order.

3. That to participate in the Evidentiary Hearing scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, September 4-5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., the parties must call the following toll-free number and enter the following PIN to participate in the Hearing:

Toll-free Bridge Telephone Number: **877.989.3761**

PIN: **25585319**

4. That the parties are strongly encouraged to engage in settlement discussions to resolve all outstanding matters.

5. That the parties are requested to promptly provide an update of any progress made in their settlement discussions.

Date: August 28, 2024

/s/
Arlene Ashton
Administrative Law Judge

**P-2024-3048732 - PETITION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR A
WAIVER OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE CAP OF 5%
OF BILLED REVENUES**

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