

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for :  
Approval of its Second Distribution Energy : P-2024-3049223  
Resources Management Plan :

**ORDER**  
**GRANTING PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**  
**PETITION FOR INTERLOCUTORY REVIEW**

On May 20, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) filed a Petition requesting that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) approve of tariff modifications and other authorizations that are needs to implement PPL’s Second Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Management Plan, pursuant to Paragraph 62 of the Joint Petition for Settlement of All Issues approved by the Commission at Docket No. P-2019-3010128.

On June 7, 2024, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in this proceeding.

On July 1, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed an Answer to PPL’s Petition.

On July 8, 2024, American Home Contractors, Inc., Enphase Energy, Inc., the Solar Energy Industries Association, SolarEdge Technologies, Inc., Sun Directed, Sunnova, Inc., Tesla, Inc., and Trinity Solar, LLC (collectively, the Joint Solar Parties or JSPs) filed an Answer, Petition to Intervene, and Protest in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

On July 10, 2024, the PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance (PPLICIA) filed a Petition to Intervene.

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<sup>1</sup> On September 13, 2024, the JSPs filed a letter stating that Sunnova, Inc. is no longer a member of the JSPs.

On July 12, 2024, the Sustainable Energy Fund of Central Eastern Pennsylvania (SEF) filed a Petition to Intervene.

On July 24, 2024, a hearing notice was issued, establishing a telephonic prehearing conference for this proceeding for Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and assigning me as the Presiding Officer. A Prehearing Conference Order was issued on July 25, 2024 setting forth rules that would govern the prehearing conference.

On August 2, 2024, prehearing memoranda were filed by PPL, OSBA, OCA, the JSPs, and PPLICA. On August 5, 2024, SEF filed a prehearing memorandum.

The prehearing conference convened on August 6, 2024, as scheduled. PPL, OSBA, OCA, the JSPs, PPLICA, and SEF were present and represented by counsel. During the Prehearing Conference various procedural matters were discussed, including: the Petitions to Intervene filed by the JSPs, PPLICA, and SEF were granted; litigation schedules were set; and modifications to the Commission's discovery rules were established. A Scheduling Order was issued on August 7, 2024.

On September 13, 2024, PPL filed a Motion to Dismiss Objections and Compel Responses to Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents Propounded on the Joint Solar Parties – Set I (Motion to Compel). On September 16, 2024, the JSPs filed their Answer to PPL's Motion to Compel. On September 24, 2024, I granted PPL's Motion to Compel (Motion to Compel Order).

On September 26, 2024, the JSPs filed a Petition for Certification of Petition for Interlocutory Review and Stay of Order (Petition for Interlocutory Review), seeking a stay and Commission review of the Motion to Compel Order.

On September 26, 2024, PPL filed a Motion for Protective Order.

On September 27, 2024, I issued a Protective Order.

On September 27, 2024, the JSPs filed a Petition for Leave to Withdraw its Petition for Interlocutory Review (Petition to Withdraw).

For the reasons discussed below, the JSPs Petition to Withdraw will be granted.

### DISCUSSION

A party desiring to withdraw a pleading in a contested proceeding may file a petition for leave to withdraw the appropriate document with the Commission and serve it upon the other parties. The petition must set forth the reasons for the withdrawal. A party may object to the petition within 10 days of service. After considering the petition, an objection thereto and the public interest, the presiding officer or the Commission will determine whether the withdrawal will be permitted. 52 Pa. Code § 5.94(a).

The JSPs' Petition for Interlocutory Review raised concerns that the Motion to Compel Order would compel disclosure of trade secret and confidential commercial information without proper protection. The JSPs' Petition to Withdraw states that the Protective Order will resolve the JSPs' concerns that there be the appropriate structure in place with which to manage the disclosure of their trade secret and confidential commercial information. The JSPs submit that granting the Petition to Withdraw is in the public interest because it promotes administrative comity, resolves the JSPs' concerns that gave rise to the Petition for Interlocutory Review, and helps conserve the resources of the Commission and the parties to this proceeding.

I agree with the JSPs that granting the Petition to Withdraw is in the public interest. No party responded to either the JSPs' Petition for Interlocutory Review or Petition to Withdraw. Additionally, as stated by the JSPs, its concerns raised in the Petition for Interlocutory Review have been resolved through issuance of a Protective Order and there are no remaining issues raised in the Petition for Interlocutory Review to be resolved.



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