

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :
under 15 Pa C.S. § 1511(c) for a finding and :
determination that the service to be furnished :
by the Applicant through its proposed exercise :
of the power of eminent domain to acquire a :
certain portion of the lands of Daniel T. Curran : Docket No. A-2024-3051213
in Chanceford Township, York County, :
Pennsylvania for the proposed Chanceford :
Switchyard associated with the proposed :
Chanceford 500 kV Rebuild Project is necessary :
or proper for the service, accommodation, :
convenience, or safety of the public. :

PREHEARING ORDER

**Responding to Letter from Counsel For PPL Electric Utilities Corporation To
Modify The Interim Order Entered On October 4, 2024**

On September 13, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed its Petition for finding that a structure to shelter electrical and control equipment at the proposed Chanceford Switchyard In Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.41 and 53 P.S. § 10619, for a finding that one structure to shelter electrical control equipment at the proposed PPL Electric-owned 500 kilovolt switchyard in Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania, is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public and, therefore, exempt from any local zoning ordinance. The Petition was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket # P-2024-3051163.

On September 13, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed its Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 subchapter G, for approval to (1) construct the new Three Mile Island – Chanceford 500 kV Transmission Line and Chanceford – Peach Bottom 500 kV Transmission Line and (2) Rebuild the existing Otter Creek – Conastone 230 kV Transmission Line for future double circuit 500 kV operations as the rebuilt Chanceford – Doubs 500 kV Transmission Line and the rebuilt Otter Creek – Conastone 500/230 kV Transmission Line, located in Chanceford, East Hopewell, and Hopewell Townships in York County, Pennsylvania. PPL Electric proposes to (1) construct approximately 1.4 miles of new double circuit 500 kilovolt transmission line, between the existing Three Mile Island – Peach Bottom 500 kV Transmission Line to the proposed PPL Electric-owned kV switchyard, and (2) rebuild approximately 12 miles of the existing single circuit Otter Creek – Conastone 230 kV Transmission Line¹ to a future double circuit 500 kV capacity. The Application was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket # A-2024-3051167.

On September 13, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed an Application under 15 Pa C.S. § 1511(c) for a finding and determination that the service to be furnished by the Applicant through its proposed exercise of the power of eminent domain to acquire a certain portion of the lands of Daniel T. Curran in Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania for the proposed Chanceford Switchyard associated with the proposed Chanceford 500 kV Rebuild Project is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public. The Application was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket # A-2024-3051213.

A telephonic prehearing conference has been scheduled in the proceedings filed at Docket Number **P-2024-3051163** , Docket Number **A-2024-3051167**, and Docket Number **A-2024-3051213** for December 10, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Pittsburgh.

Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before December 5, 2024. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265, and with a copy served on PPL Electric Utilities Corporation.

On October 4, 2024, an Interim Order was entered that, *inter alia*, directed PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to publish notices of the prehearing conference and deadline for the filing of protests and petitions to intervene, where applicable, in two newspapers of general circulation once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the prehearing conference. The first notices in each publication were to be published on or before October 26, 2024, at least 45 days prior to the prehearing conference date of December 10, 2024. The second notices were required to be published on or before November 2, 2024, not later than 7 days after the first notice publication in each newspaper of general circulation.

On October 29, 2024, after the October 26, 2024 deadline set for the first notice publication set by the Interim Order entered on October 4, 2024, counsel for PPL provided the undersigned presiding officer with an email advising that counsel had contacted my office by telephone on October 28, 2024, regarding the Prehearing Orders issued in the PPL-Chanceford 500 kV matters filed at Docket Nos. A-2024-3051167, A-2024-3051213, and P-2024- P-2024-3051163 and the requirement that a notice of these matters be published in two newspapers of general circulation. Counsel stated that PPL Electric advised there is only one newspaper of general circulation in the affected area, due to certain publications going out of print. Counsel asked if publication of the notice in a single newspaper at the ordered frequency and timing was acceptable, or if there was an alternative method of notice that PPL Electric needed to use to comply with the Orders. A copy of the October 29, 2024 email from counsel is attached to this Interim Order to ensure all Parties are in receipt of the email communication.

On October 31, 2024, the undersigned presiding officer provided a reply to Counsel for PPL and all recipients identified on the email, requesting that counsel for PPL confer with the Parties and determine if there is second newspaper of general circulation in the area for notice publication, and if no such publication exists, to determine if the Parties were in agreement to modify the Order entered on October 4, 2024. The counsel was asked to advise the undersigned of the determination of the Parties, and to provide a copy of the response to all Parties. A copy of the responsive email to counsel for PPL dated October 31, 2024 is also attached to this Interim Order.

On November 1, 2024, the undersigned received an email from counsel for PPL along with an attachment, consisting of a letter from counsel dated November 1, 2024. The letter, which indicates it was eFiled, includes a request from PPL Electric that the October 4, 2024 Prehearing Orders be modified to only require publication of the notice in a single newspaper of general circulation once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the prehearing conference scheduled in this matter. Alternatively, PPL Electric requested that it be advised whether any such additional, alternative method of notice should be used to comply with the orders, and that the orders be modified to indicate the alternative method of notice that will be required. A Certificate of Service was attached to the November 1, 2024 letter. A copy of the November 1, 2024 email from counsel for PPL is attached to this Order.

The November 1, 2024 letter from counsel from PPL does not indicate if counsel for PPL conferred with the Parties to determine if there is second newspaper of general circulation in the area for notice publication, and if no such publication exists, to determine if the Parties were in agreement to modify the Order entered on October 4, 2024, as requested by the undersigned presiding officer.

Under the circumstances and as the issue initially identified by counsel for PPL in the email dated October 28, 2024 was raised after the October 26, 2024 deadline for the first notice to be published, the undersigned presiding officer is without the ability to order that notice be timely published in another publication as the deadline for the first publication has passed. It is unclear why this issue was not addressed with the undersigned presiding officer and the Parties prior to the October 26, 2024 deadline, however raising the issue after the first publication deadline precludes the ability of the undersigned to address a timely alternative to that ordered on October 4, 2024. Further, it is unclear if PPL conferred with the Parties to attempt to resolve the issue as requested by the undersigned presiding officer by the responsive email provided on October 31, 2024.

Counsel for PPL shall file proof of publication as directed in the Interim Order entered on October 4, 2024, and any Party may raise their concerns or objections to the notice provided in this proceeding in an appropriate filing or at the prehearing conference scheduled in this proceeding.

Accordingly, the following Order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the relief requested by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in the letter dated November 1, 2024 is denied, without prejudice, as moot, as discussed in detail above.
2. That this Interim Order shall not be construed to prohibit PPL Electric Utilities Corporation from promptly investigating alternate sources of print

or electronic media and to provide additional Notice to the public of the deadline to file Protests and Petitions to Intervene, of the scheduled Prehearing Conference, and of the matters identified in the October 4, 2024, Prehearing Order.

3. That any Party may raise their concerns or objections to the notice provided in this proceeding in an appropriate filing or at the prehearing conference scheduled in this proceeding.
4. That a copy of all emails, correspondence, documents or communications of any kind or nature shall be contemporaneously provided to all Parties, or counsel if represented, in this proceeding.

Dated: November 4, 2024

/s/
Jeffrey A. Watson
Administrative Law Judge

Watson, Jeffrey

From: Lent, Garrett <GLent@PostSchell.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 10:18 AM
To: Watson, Jeffrey
Subject: [External] PPL - Chanceford 500 kV - Docket Nos. A-2024-3051167, A-2024-3051213, and P-2024- P-2024-3051163 - Procedural Question

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Good morning, Judge Watson—

I called your chambers yesterday afternoon with a procedural question regarding the Prehearing Orders issued in the PPL-Chanceford 500 kV matters at Docket Nos. A-2024-3051167, A-2024-3051213, and P-2024- P-2024-3051163. The Orders direct that a notice of these matters be published in two newspapers of general circulation. However, PPL Electric has advised that there is only one newspaper of general circulation in the affected area, due to certain publications going out of print.

Please let me know if publication of the notice in this single newspaper at the ordered frequency and timing is acceptable, or if there is an alternative method of notice that PPL Electric needs to use to comply with your Orders.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 1:03 PM
To: Lent, Garrett
Subject: RE: [External] PPL - Chanceford 500 kV - Docket Nos. A-2024-3051167, A-2024-3051213, and P-2024- P-2024-3051163 - Procedural Question

Counsel,

Thank you for the email.

Please confer with the Parties and determine if there is second newspaper of general circulation in the area for notice publication.

If there is not such a publication in the general area, please determine if the Parties are in agreement to modify the Order entered on October 4, 2024

and advise me of the same, copying all Parties.

Thank you.

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Watson, Jeffrey

From: Caley, Danielle <DCaley@PostSchell.com>
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2024 10:30 AM
To: Watson, Jeffrey
Cc: Lent, Garrett; Stobbe, Nicholas; Bartolomei, Michelle Lynne; Michael J. Shafer (mjshafer@pplweb.com)
Subject: [External] PPL Electric Utilities Corporation – Chanceford 500kV Rebuild Project Docket Nos. A-2024-3051667, A-2024-3051213, and P-2024-3051163; Letter
Attachments: PPL - Chanceford -Letter re Publication.pdf

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Good morning, Your Honor:

Please find the attached letter on behalf of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation regarding the above-referenced matters.

Thank you,

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Revised: November 1, 2024

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