

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation**

**Public Meeting held November 7, 2024  
3050132-TUS  
Docket No. A-2024-3050132**

**STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIR KIMBERLY BARROW**

On July 16, 2024, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) filed a Letter of Notification (LON) requesting approval to reconstruct sections of existing 230 kV transmission lines at the expanded Cumberland Substation in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County. The line sections to be reconstructed included approximately 0.09 miles of the existing Juniata-Cumberland 230 kV Transmission Line and approximately 0.42 miles of the existing Williams Grove-Cumberland 230 kV Transmission Line, and the Juniata-Cumberland line and Williams Grove-Cumberland line will be modified to attach to the Cumberland Substation. PPL averred that maintaining the current 230 kV arrangement at the existing Cumberland Substation will result in a thermal overload violation due to a NERC standard TPL-001-4, P4 contingency on either of the substation's two 230 kV breakers. PPL submits that it will expand and reconfigure the 230 kV yard at the existing Cumberland Substation to a breaker and a half arrangement.

The transmission facilities in this case are similar to the facilities that were the subject of the LON filed in *MAIT*,<sup>1</sup> in which I issued a dissenting statement. The instant LON is distinguishable from the MAIT LON in that here, PPL explained that the current configuration puts approximately 50,000 customers at risk of electric outages, including nine critical customers such as hospitals, a wastewater system, and nursing homes. Compared to MAIT, the evidence in the instant case presents a much more serious risk to customers should the multiple contingency event here occur, indicating a clearer need.



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**Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair**

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<sup>1</sup> *Letter of Notification of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC for Approval to Relocate a Section of the Existing Keystone – Homer City 230 kV Transmission Line in Armstrong Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, Docket No. A-2023-3042413 (Order entered November 9, 2023).*