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Via Electronic Filing Only

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
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Re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval to (1) Construct the New Three Mile Island – Chanceford 500 kV 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 and 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
Docket No. A-2024-3051167

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing, please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in this proceeding.

Copies have been served on the parties as indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Application of PPL Electric Utilities	:	
Corporation for Approval to (1) Construct	:	
the New Three Mile Island – Chanceford	:	
500 kV Line and Chanceford – Peach Bottom	:	A-2024-3051167
500 kV Transmission Line and (2) Rebuild the	:	
Existing Otter Creek – Conastone 230 kV	:	
Transmission Line for Future Double Circuit	:	
500 kV Operations and 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	:	

I hereby certify that I have this day filed electronically on the Commission’s electronic filing system and served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate’s Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2024.

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention and participate in this proceeding before the Commission involving an investigation into whether the Commission should approve the three related filings made by PPL, as described herein.

On September 13, 2024, PPL filed its Application 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 proposes to: (1) construct approximately 1.4 miles of new double circuit 500 kV 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 Line to a future double circuit 500 kV capacity. The Application was filed with the Commission at Docket Number A-2024-3051167.

On September 13, 2024, PPL filed its Petition for findings 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 Section 5.41 and 53 P.S. Section 10619, for a finding that one structure to shelter electrical control equipment at the proposed PPL-owned 500 kV 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 Commission at Docket Number P-2024-3051163.

On September 13, 2024, PPL filed an Application under 15 Pa C.S. Section 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 Commission at Docket Number A-2024-3051213.

The Consumer Advocate has determined that it is necessary to participate in these proceedings to protect the interests of PPL's customers. The OCA will seek to ensure that each of these related filings will only be approved if they are found to be consistent with Commission regulations, the Public Utility Code and sound public policy. Due to the nature of this matter, and evidenced by the public's past participation and interest in transmission line proceedings, the OCA requests that an in-person public input hearing be held in the affected service territory.