

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application Of PPL Electric Utilities :
Corporation, Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code :
Chapter 57 Subchapter G, For Approval To : Docket No. A-2024-3051167
(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 :

Petition Of PPL Electric Utilities :
Corporation For Findings That A Structure :
To Shelter Electrical And Control : Docket No. P-2024-3051163
Equipment At The Proposed Chanceford :
Switchyard In Chanceford Township, York :
County, Pennsylvania Is Reasonably :
Necessary For The Convenience Or Welfare :
Of The Public :

Application of PPL Electric Utilities :
Corporation Under 15 Pa.C.S § 1511(c) For :
A Finding And Determination That The : Docket No. A-2024-3051213
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 :

PREHEARING ORDER

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 Line to a future double circuit 500 kV capacity. The Application was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket Number A-2024-3051167.

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 Number P-2024-3051163.

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 Number A-2024-3051213.

A telephonic prehearing conference was scheduled for December 10, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Pittsburgh.

Formal protests and petitions to intervene were required to be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before December 5, 2024.

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 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.

On November 4, 2024, an Interim Order was entered denying the request to modify the Interim Order entered on October 4, 2024.

On November 18, 2024, an Interim Order was entered which among other things, required the Parties to file prehearing memoranda by December 9, 2024.

On December 4, 2024, the OCA filed a Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the Application docket filed at A-2024-3051167, and a separate Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in each of the two related proceedings filed at docket numbers P-2024-3051163 and A-2024-3051213.

On December 6, 2024, the OCA filed Prehearing Memoranda in these proceedings.

On December 9, 2024, PPL filed Prehearing Memoranda in these proceedings.

The telephonic prehearing conference convened as scheduled on December 10, 2024. PPL participated and was represented by Garrett Lent, Esquire. OCA participated at the prehearing conference and was represented by Darryl Lawrence, Esquire.

Upon completion of the prehearing conference in this proceeding, the parties will comply with the following.

Consolidation of Proceedings

At the prehearing conference, PPL and OCA agreed that the proceeding filed at A-2024-3051167, would be consolidated with the two related proceedings filed at docket numbers P-2024-3051163 and A-2024-3051213. Accordingly, these three proceedings are hereby consolidated at docket number A-2024-3051167.

Service of Documents

In addition to the service requirements, service of documents in this proceeding shall be made upon PPL as follows:

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PPL agreed to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. To the extent that materials are available electronically, copies shall be served to PPL upon, David B. MacGregor, Esquire at dmacgregor@postschell.com, and Michael J. Shafer, Esquire at mjshafer@pplweb.com.

Service of documents in this proceeding shall be made upon OCA as follows:

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OCA will accept email service without provision of a hard copy. To the extent that materials are available electronically, copies shall be served upon all the following:

Darryl A. Lawrence, Esq., Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate, DLawrence@paoca.org,
and Lori A. Arnsparger, Paralegal, LArnsparger@paoca.org.

Electronic Service upon the undersigned presiding officer shall be provided to the undersigned at jeffwatson@pa.gov and a copy provided to Mary Swarner, legal assistant, at mwarners@pa.gov.

Public Input Hearings

OCA requested that in-person public input hearing be held in the area affected by this project and indicated it would work with the parties to find an acceptable date for a one-day public input hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. PPL did not request the scheduling of public input hearings. After hearing from the parties, the parties were advised that two in person public input hearings would be scheduled with one at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Subsequent to the prehearing conference a venue and date for the public input hearings was secured. Accordingly, In-person Public Input Hearings will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Times: 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM
Location: Chanceford Township Municipal Office
33 Muddy Creek Forks Road
Broque, PA 17309

PPL shall cause notice of the public input hearings to be published in a newspaper of general circulation once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the public input hearings. The first notice shall be published at least 45 days prior to the public input hearings. The second notices shall be published, not later than 7 days after the first notice publication in a newspaper of general circulation. PPL shall file proof of publication of the notices published with the Commission's Secretary's Bureau.

The Parties shall also promptly confer and agree upon the form, manner and content of public notice for the public input hearings and provide the agreed upon notice. PPL is further directed to publish notice of the public input hearings on its website, social media and through any other electronic means, where available.

Procedural Schedule

This Order sets forth an initial litigation schedule as follows:

Filing	September 13, 2024
Prehearing Conference	December 10, 2024
End of OCA Discovery Period	February 28, 2025
Status Report	March 21, 2025

The Parties shall submit status reports indicating whether a further litigation schedule needs to be established, and if so, the parties proposed schedule. In addition, the parties shall indicate whether a further prehearing conference is appropriate and identify any other appropriate matters or requests.

If you send any document or correspondence to the undersigned presiding officer, you must send a copy to all other parties in the case. The correct mailing address for the presiding officer is:

Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey A. Watson
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 220, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Discovery

The parties shall engage in informal discovery whenever and wherever possible in an attempt to resolve any discovery disputes amicably. 52 Pa. Code §5.322. If this process fails, the parties have recourse to the Commission's procedures for formal discovery, as herein modified. 52 Pa. Code §§5.321, et seq. Except as herein allowed, the parties must not send the Presiding ALJ discovery material or cover letters, unless attached to a motion to compel or a motion for sanctions. All such motions must contain a certification of counsel of the informal discovery undertaken and their efforts to resolve their discovery disputes informally. If a motion to compel fails to contain such certification, the Presiding ALJ will contact the parties and direct them to pursue informal discovery.

Settlement and Stipulations

The parties are reminded it is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The parties are strongly urged to seriously explore this possibility.

Form of Pleadings

The Parties shall submit to the Administrative Law Judge one copy of any pleading filed in this proceeding by email. The electronic version of a brief must be prepared in Microsoft Office Word format. If in doubt, please email the office of the Administrative Law Judge for clarification.

Modification

A-2024-3051167 - APPLICATION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORP FILED PURSUANT TO 52 PA. CODE CHAPTER 57, SUBCHAPTER G, 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.

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