

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Danielle Brooks	:	
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v.	:	C-2024-3049977
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

Danielle Brooks	:	
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v.	:	C-2025-3053878
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

This Order grants the unopposed Motion of the Respondent, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company), to consolidate the above-captioned matters.

By way of background, on June 27, 2024, the Complainant, Danielle Brooks, filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against PPL raising high billing claims and the matter was docketed at No. C-2024-3049977 (*2024 Complaint*). On July 29, 2024, PPL filed an Answer denying the material allegations in the Complaint. The *2024 Complaint* was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Steven K. Haas. Pursuant to a hearing notice served on the parties, a prehearing conference was held on November 14, 2024, and both parties appeared. During this conference, the parties jointly agreed to continue this matter to allow the parties time to pursue an investigation of the high billing claims and possible resolution of this matter.

On March 3, 2025, the Complainant filed a Complaint against PPL raising high billing claims and the matter was docketed at No. C-2025-3053878 (*2025 Complaint*). On March 31, 2025, PPL filed an answer denying the material allegations in the Complaint. By a hearing notice issued on April 3, 2025, this matter was scheduled for a hearing on May 28, 2025,

followed by a hearing notice issued on April 4, 2025, rescheduling it for June 4, 2025. This *2025 Complaint* was assigned to ALJ Gail M. Chiodo.

On April 8, 2025, PPL filed a Motion in both docket numbers to Consolidate both Complaints. This Motion stated that the Complainant has indicated to PPL that she does not oppose the Company's request for consolidation of the proceedings.¹ Upon our careful review of both Complaints, we find that the interests of administrative efficiency and judicial economy are served by consolidating these matters, and meet the standard set forth in Section 5.81 of the Commission Regulations. Section 5.81 provides:

§ 5.81. Consolidation.

(a) The Commission or presiding officer, with or without motion, may order proceedings involving a common question of law or fact to be consolidated. The Commission or presiding officer may make orders concerning the conduct of the proceeding as may avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

52 Pa. Code § 5.81(a).

Both Complaints concern electric service at the same service address to the same electric service account. In both Complaints, the Complainant raises high billing concerns for periods she claims she did not occupy the service address, alleging that the billing is incorrect for those periods. *Compare* Complaints ¶¶ 1, 4. In the *2024 Complaint*, the Complainant requests that her billing be adjusted “to the correct usage.” (*2024 Complaint* ¶ 5). In the *2025 Complaint*, the Complainant requests that the Commission investigate her high billing claims for both her address and more generally at her apartment complex. (*2025 Complaint* ¶ 5).

We agree with PPL that if these cases were to proceed independently and not be consolidated, there would be substantial overlapping issue of law and fact in the cases since the Complaints raise common issues of fact and law. Thus, we find that consolidation of these proceedings will promote the efficient use of the time and resources of the parties and the

¹ No response to the Motion has been filed.

Commission, and will not unduly delay the resolution of either of them. Accordingly, consolidation is appropriate.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-captioned cases, Docket Nos. C-2024-3049977 and C-2025-3053878, are consolidated for litigation purposes including for hearing, briefing and adjudication.
2. That Docket No. C-2025-3053878 is reassigned to Administrative Law Judge Steven K. Haas, who will preside over both above-captioned cases.
3. That the parties will be notified by a separate notice as to the next step in the proceeding of these consolidated matters.

Date: May 5, 2025

_____/s/
Gail M. Chiodo
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Steven K. Haas
Administrative Law Judge

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