
Garrett P. Lent
Principal

glent@postschell.com
717-612-6032 Direct
717-731-1985 Direct Fax
File #: 1713678

October 29, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: Letter Of Notification Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, For Approval To Rebuild The Existing Single-Circuit Frackville-Columbia 230 kV Transmission Line Connecting the Frackville 230-69 kV Substation and the Columbia 230-69 kV Substation That Are Respectively Located In Schuylkill And Columbia Counties, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Attached, on behalf of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”), is information being supplied to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) Bureau of Technical Utility Services (“TUS”) in response to TUS Set I Data Requests regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

PPL Electric’s responses to these data requests include the following **CONFIDENTIAL** and **PROPRIETARY** attachments.

CONFIDENTIAL Attachment A-2

CONFIDENTIAL Attachment A-4

Each of these attachments contain **CONFIDENTIAL** and **PROPRIETARY** information, and are being filed separately with the Commission via ShareFile.

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF PROPRIETY INFORMATION**

Matthew Homsher, Secretary
October 29, 2025
Page 2

Each of the enclosures are marked “**CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY**” because they contain commercially sensitive information, including, but not limited to, details about the condition of existing PPL Electric transmission structures and analysis of the same. PPL Electric requests that the copies of the materials that have been labeled “**CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY**” be given confidential treatment by the Commission, including its various offices and bureaus. That is, PPL Electric requests that the confidential materials be excluded from the Commission’s public document folder and that the confidential copies not be disclosed to the public.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the addresses or telephone numbers provided above.

Respectfully submitted,



Garrett P. Lent

GPL/dmc
Attachment

cc: Jordan Van Order (*via email; w/attachment*)

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

- A-1 Reference the Letter of Notification, page 2. The counties listed are not consistent with the cover page. Please provide the names of the counties and townships where the subject project will be constructed.
- PPL Electric
Response The subject project will be constructed in Butler, Catawissa, Cleveland, Conyngham, Franklin, Hemlock, Locust, Montour, and Roaring Creek townships in Columbia and Schuylkill counties.

WITNESS: Joseph B. Lookup

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

A-2 Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 17. Please provide a copy of the third-party assessment of the Frackville-Columbia line performed in 2013.

PPL Electric Please see **CONFIDENTIAL** Attachment "A-2 Osmose
Response Inspection Report".

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

A-3

Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 17. Please provide a detailed explanation as to why PPL Electric chose to extend the life of the assets rather than replace them.

PPL Electric
Response

Referencing the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 17, and Attachment 1, pages 6-7, PPL Electric initially identified that pack rust in the joints of CORTEN lattice towers potentially posed structural instability in 2013. Following Good Utility Practice, PPL Electric decided to remediate the high risk concerns and continue to monitor the transmission line to extend the life of the asset. Based on the conditions identified in 2013, it was determined that the most cost effective solution was maintaining the lines.

After monitoring and maintaining the lines and additional evaluations, it was ultimately determined that maintaining the lines was no longer the most prudent and effective solution to address the identified issue and the most prudent and effective solution is now to replace the CORTEN lattice structures and rebuild the transmission line.

WITNESS: Joseph B. Lookup

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

A-4 Reference the Letter of Notification, Paragraph 22. Please provide a copy of the inspection report from RTR Solutions' 2024 condition assessment.

PPL Electric Please see **CONFIDENTIAL** Attachment "A-4 RTR Inspection
Response Report".

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

A-5

Reference the Letter of Notification, Attachment 1, Section 4.2.1. Please provide the approximate number of COR-TEN steel structure replacement projects that remain to be completed on PPL Electric's transmission system.

PPL Electric
Response

PPL Electric has two 230 kV and one 500 kV COR-TEN transmission lines remaining on our system. The two 230 kV transmission lines will be replaced as part of the steel structure replacement program. The proposed 500 kV transmission line rebuild was submitted as part of the 2025 PJM Competitive Window. If PJM does not award the project to PPL Electric, we will rebuild the 500 kV line as a PJM supplemental project.

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

- A-7 Reference the Letter of Notification, Attachment 1, page 18.
The approximate cost is not consistent with paragraphs 29 and
33. Please explain.
- PPL Electric The approximate cost was adjusted as Project development
Response progressed and the estimate was updated to \$114 million. This
estimate reflects the most up-to-date information.

**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843**

A-8

Reference the Letter of Notification, Attachment 2, page 1. The counties listed are not consistent with page 2 of the filing. Please provide the names of the counties and townships where the subject project will be constructed. Additionally, please ensure the certificate of service includes the correct counties and townships where the subject project is located.

PPL Electric
Response

The subject project will be constructed in Butler, Catawissa, Cleveland, Conyngham, Franklin, Hemlock, Locust, Montour, and Roaring Creek townships in Columbia and Schuylkill counties.

The above list is consistent with the municipalities and counties that have been served.

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation
Response to the Set I Data Requests of the
Bureau of Technical Utility Services
Dated October 14, 2025
Docket No. A-2025-3057843

A-9

Reference the Letter of Notification, Attachment 2, page 2.
Please provide the docket number that transmission structures
118 to 121 were replaced under.

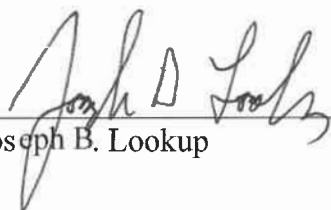
PPL Electric
Response

Structures 118 to 121 were targeted for replacement in the
2018 timeframe due to the discovery of delamination of the
crossarms and deficiencies with the wood poles from
woodpeckers and insects that threatened the integrity of these
wood structures. No application was submitted to the PUC for
the replacement of these structures because of the emergent
nature of this maintenance work.

VERIFICATION

I, JOSEPH B. LOOKUP, being the Vice President – Transmission & Distribution Planning and Asset Management at PPL Services Corporation, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: October 29, 2025



Joseph B. Lookup