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Via Electronic Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
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Re: Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed pursuant to 52 PA. Code Chapter 57 with respect to the approval to build approximately 1.1 miles of new parallel double circuit 230 kV transmission taps that are needed to connect the existing Susquehanna-Harwood #1 & #2 transmission lines on the New Tomhicken 230 kV switchyard that are respectively located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; Docket No. A-2025-3059443

Dear Secretary Homsher:

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

Letter of Notification of PPL Electric :
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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 30th day of December, 2025.

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BEFORE THE
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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Section 5.71(a) and 71 P.S. Section 309-4, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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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 an Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL).

PPL is an electric distribution company (EDC) that is responsible for the delivery of electricity to all customers on its distribution system. For customers who do not purchase electric generation services in the competitive market, PPL provides default service in accordance with the Competition Act, Commission regulations and a default service plan approved by the Commission. PPL furnishes electric service to approximately 1.5 million customers throughout its certificated service territory, which includes all or portions of twenty-nine counties and encompasses approximately 10,000 square miles in eastern and central Pennsylvania.

On December 22, 2025, PPL filed a Letter of Notification (LON) with the Commission, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 57.72(d)(1)(iii) and (vi), to build approximately 1.1 miles of new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission taps to connect the existing Susquehanna-Harwood #1 and #2 230 kV transmission lines to the new Tomhicken 230 kV switchyard and to construct two new 0.1 miles 230 kV transmission lines from the Tomhicken 230 kV switchyard to a new customer-owned 230-34 kV substation. The project occurs entirely within Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. PPL proposed the project to provide transmission and distribution service to a single, large load customer. Of the estimated \$59.9 million cost of the proposed project, PPL plans to allocate approximately \$38.4 million, or 64%, to its network transmission rate base and \$21.8 million, or 36%, to the customer.

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) has determined to participate in this proceeding in order to protect the interests of all customers who may be affected by this proceeding. The OCA seeks to ensure that adequate and continuous service is provided to all customers in a just and reasonable manner and in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations. The OCA also intervenes to review the proposed project, including its design, need, cost, and other effects on health, safety, and the environment, and to ensure that the allocation of the costs of the project is consistent with principles of cost causation.