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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: Logan R. Baker v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
Docket No. F-2025-3059308**

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Dear Secretary Homsher:

Attached for filing is the Preliminary Objection of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to the Complaint of Logan R. Baker in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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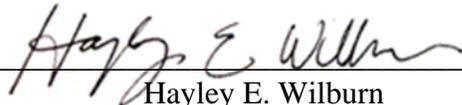
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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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**BEFORE THE  
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Logan Baker,	:	
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Complainant,	:	
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v.	:	Docket No. C-2025-3059308
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation,	:	
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Respondent.	:	

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**NOTICE TO PLEAD**

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YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT, PURSUANT TO 52 PA. CODE § 5.101, YOU MAY FILE AN ANSWER TO THE ENCLOSED PRELIMINARY OBJECTION WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE HEREOF. YOUR ANSWER TO THE PRELIMINARY OBJECTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265. A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER SHOULD ALSO BE SERVED ON THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL.

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**PRELIMINARY OBJECTION OF  
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION TO  
THE COMPLAINT OF LOGAN BAKER**

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TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

AND NOW, comes PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric” or the “Company”) and hereby files this Preliminary Objection, pursuant to the regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) at 52 Pa. Code § 5.101, and respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss portions of the above-captioned Formal Complaint (“Complaint”) of Logan Baker (“Complainant”) because the Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the claims raised therein. Specifically, the allegations in the Complaint, in part, concern the alleged violation of Pennsylvania Act 27 of 2024 (“Act 27”). 51 Pa. C.S. §§ 9901-9902.

In support thereof, PPL Electric states as follows:

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. PPL Electric is a “public utility” and an “electric distribution company” as those terms are defined under the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 102 and 2803, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. PPL Electric furnishes electric distribution, transmission, and provider of last resort electric supply services 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.

3. On December 16, 2025, PPL Electric was served with the above-captioned Formal Complaint, which raises claims regarding Veterans' benefits under the Act. Specifically, the Complainant alleged the violation of Section 9902 of Act 27, which mandates that Veterans' benefit payments may not be included as income for Commonwealth programs. Complaint ¶¶ 4-5; 51 Pa. C.S. § 9902(a).

4. PPL Electric herein files this Preliminary Objection to the Complaint. For the reasons explained below, PPL Electric respectfully requests that the Complaint be dismissed pursuant to Section 5.101(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations because the Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the Act 27 claims raised in the Complaint. 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(1).

## **II. STANDARD OF REVIEW**

4. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations, preliminary objections in response to a pleading may be filed on several grounds, including:

- (1) Lack of Commission jurisdiction or improper service of the pleading initiating the proceeding.
- (2) Failure of a pleading to conform to this chapter or the inclusion of scandalous or impertinent matter.
- (3) Insufficient specificity of a pleading.
- (4) Legal insufficiency of a pleading.

- (5) Lack of a capacity to sue, nonjoinder of a necessary party or misjoinder of a cause of action.
- (6) Pendency of a prior proceeding or agreement for alternative dispute resolution.
- (7) Standing of a party to participate in the proceeding.

52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(2) (emphasis added).

5. In ruling on preliminary objections, the Presiding Officer must accept as true all well-pled allegations of material facts as well as all inferences reasonable deducible therefrom. *Stilp v. Commonwealth*, 910 A.2d 775, 781 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2006) (“*Stilp*”) (citing *Dep’t of Gen. Servs. V. Bd. Of Claims*, 881 A.2d 14 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2005)), *affirmed* 974 A.2d 491 (Pa. 2009). However, the Presiding Officer need not accept as true conclusions of law, unwarranted inferences from facts, argumentative allegations, or expressions of opinion. *Stanton-Negley Drug Co. v. Dep’t of Pub. Welfare*, 927 A.2d 671, 673 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2008), *affirmed*, 963 A.2d 670 (Pa. 2009). Notwithstanding, any doubt must be resolved in favor of the non-moving party. *Stilp* at 781.

6. In addition, the Presiding Officer must determine whether, based on the factual pleadings, recovery is possible. *See Rok v. Flaherty*, 527 A.2d 211, 214 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1987) (citation omitted). Indeed, for preliminary objections to be sustained, it must appear with certainty that the law will permit no recovery. *See Stilp* at 781; *Milliner v. Enck*, 709 A.2d 417, 418 (Pa. Super. 1998) (quoting *Santiago v. Pa. Nat. Mut. Cas. Ins. Co.*, 613 A.2d 1235, 1238 (Pa. Super 1992)).

### **III. PRELIMINARY OBJECTION**

#### **A. PRELIMINARY OBJECTION NO. 1 – THE COMPLAINT SHOULD BE DISMISSED BECAUSE THE COMMISSION HAS LACKS SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OVER THE ACT 27 CLAIMS RAISED THEREIN**

7. PPL Electric incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 6 as if fully set forth herein.

8. Portions of the Complaint concerning violations of Act 27 should be dismissed because the Commission lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the Act 27 claims raised therein.

9. In the instant Complaint, the Complainant claims that the Company has violated Act 27. Complaint ¶ 4.

10. As relief, the Complainant asks in part that the Commission enforce Act 27. Complaint ¶ 5.

11. In order for the Commission to rule on this issue and grant the Complainant's requested relief, the Commission will have to interpret and apply the provisions of Act 27.

12. However, as a creature of statute, the Commission "has only those powers which are expressly conferred upon it by the Legislature and those powers which arise by necessary implication." *Feingold v. Bell*, 383 A.2d 791, 794 (Pa. 1977) (citations omitted).

13. The Commission must act within its jurisdiction and may only hear complaints regarding the Public Utility Code, Commission regulations, or Commission orders. *See Alkhatib v. PECO Energy Co.*, Docket No. C-2011-2242125, 2012 Pa. PUC LEXIS, at \*13-14 (Jan. 12, 2012) citing 66 Pa. C.S. § 701.

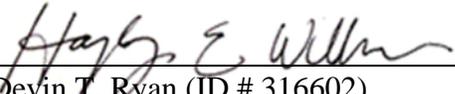
14. Thus, because the Complainant raises claims relate to Veterans' benefits under Act 27, and to the extent that the averments and requests for relief contained therein concern Act 27, the Complaint should be dismissed pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(1).

**IV. CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant this Preliminary Objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERIFICATION**

I, YVETTE BELFORT, being the Manager of Regulatory Programs/Business Services at PPL Electric Utilities 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: **January 5, 2026**

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