

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Brian DeAngelo Sr.	:	
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v.	:	C-2024-3051667
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING CONTINUANCE AND DIRECTING STATUS REPORT**

This order grants an unopposed request for continuance of the hearing in this matter and directs the filing of a status report by February 10, 2026.

A full procedural background for this matter is set forth in the Interim Order Granting Continuance issued on December 10, 2025 (Order). Relevant to the instant order, on January 6, 2026, via email copied to all parties, counsel for Complainant requested a continuance, which was not opposed by PPL. Attorney Gross represented that she has not been able to communicate with the Complainant, who was recently hospitalized, and she does not believe Mr. DeAngelo will be able to participate in the hearing scheduled for January 13, 2026. Further, Ms. Gross indicated that she continues to hope that after the Complainant recovers, the parties may be able to settle this matter before it comes to a new hearing.

As set forth in the Order, Section 5.483 of the Commission’s regulations provides presiding officers with the authority to regulate the course of proceedings. 52 Pa. Code § 5.483(a). Only for good cause shown will requests for continuance be considered. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). The Commission has recognized the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s definition of good cause as “conduct which is reasonable under all the circumstances, thereby justifying the [c]laimant’s actions.” *Smart Meter Procurement and Installation*, Docket No. M-2009-2092655 (Order entered Nov. 4, 2020).

There is good cause for the request for continuance to be granted, based on the representations made by Attorney Gross. The continuance request was made timely and is not opposed by counsel for PPL. Further, when Mr. DeAngelo has recovered, the request will allow the parties to continue their efforts to negotiate a settlement of the complaint. The Commission strongly encourages settlement, which can avoid unnecessary expenditure of the parties' resources. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a).

Given the uncertainty of the situation, the hearing will be continued for eight weeks. I will also require the parties to file a status report.

A notice will be issued to cancel the current hearing date and continue the matter until March 10, 2026.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the unopposed request for continuance of the hearing in the matter captioned as Brian DeAngelo Sr. v. PPL Utilities Corporation at Docket No. C-2024-3051667 is granted.
2. That the hearing scheduled for January 13, 2026 in this matter is cancelled.
3. That the initial call-in hearing is rescheduled for **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

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