

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Letter of Notification of PPL Electric Utilities :
Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter :
57 Subchapter G, for Approval to Build :
Approximately 1.1 Miles of New Parallel Double : A-2025-3059443
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 :

SCHEDULING ORDER

On December 19, 2025, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) filed a Letter of Notification with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Section 57.72(d)(1)(iii) and (vi), to build approximately 1.1 miles of new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission taps (Tap Lines). PPL states that the Tap Lines are needed to connect the existing Susquehanna-Harwood #1 & #2 230 kV Transmission Lines to the new Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard (Project). The Project also includes the construction of two new 0.1-mile-long 230 kV transmission lines (Connecting Lines) from the Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard to a new customer-owned 230-34 kV substation. The new Connecting Lines, Tap Lines and Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard are located in Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

A Prehearing Conference Order was issued on January 14, 2026. A Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued on January 15, 2026. Notice of the prehearing conference was also published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on January 31, 2026 (56 Pa.B. 736). The order and notices advised that protests and petitions to intervene must be filed on or before March 13, 2026 and provided information for joining the prehearing conference.

In addition, on February 19, 2026, PPL filed affidavits stating that the protest deadline and conference participation information were published in the Wilkes Barre Citizens' Voice and Wilkes Barre Times Leader on January 28, 2026 and February 4, 2026.

Three protests were timely filed by: the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) on January 7, 2026; Erika Cook, on March 13, 2026; and John Zola, on March 13, 2026.

In response to the Prehearing Conference Order, PPL and OCA submitted prehearing memoranda outlining their respective positions on various procedural matters. The prehearing conference convened on March 18, 2026, as scheduled. Counsel for PPL and OCA appeared, as well as Erika Cook and John Zola.

During the conference, various procedural matters were discussed. This Scheduling Order sets forth the procedural matters addressed during the prehearing conference.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the active parties of record in this proceeding as of this date are PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

2. That Protestants Erika Cook and John Zola will be treated as inactive parties to this proceeding unless they notify the undersigned by Friday, March 27, 2026, of their intention to participate as active parties. The undersigned may be contacted at egannon@pa.gov and jcoogan@pa.gov.

3. That every active party will receive copies of all documents, may submit pre-served written testimony pursuant to the litigation schedule below, may cross-examine other active parties' witnesses at the evidentiary hearing, and will have the right to file briefs. Active parties must review the requirements for written testimony as further explained below.

4. That each active party must serve a copy of every document it files and/or serves in this case, including, but not limited to, motions, testimony, and briefs, on the presiding officer and on every other active party. Discovery requests and responses should not be served on the presiding officer or filed with the Commission except as required by Commission regulations.

5. That inactive parties will only receive orders and decisions issued in this matter, and will not receive other documents filed and/or served in this proceeding. Inactive parties may still attend and testify at a public input hearing, but will not be allowed to conduct discovery, file motions, submit pre-served written testimony, cross-examine active party witnesses at the evidentiary hearing, file briefs, or otherwise fully participate in the proceeding.

6. That the following schedule is adopted for this proceeding:

PPL Direct Testimony	May 13, 2026
Public Input Hearings	June 23 or 24, 2026
Other Active Parties' Direct Testimony	July 8, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony	August 7, 2026
Surrebuttal Testimony	September 4, 2026
Written Rejoinder	September 14, 2026
Evidentiary Hearings	September 17 and 18, 2026
Main Brief	October 8, 2026
Reply Brief	October 23, 2026

The Evidentiary Hearings will be held in-person, in an available room in the Keystone Building, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

7. That the parties shall serve documents so that documents are received in-hand by the parties and the undersigned no later than 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed. Service should be made by email, unless the document is not available in electronic format. Parties shall not file testimony with the Commission but shall file a certificate of service.

8. That any evidentiary hearing in this matter constitutes a formal legal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, as well as the rules of evidence as applied to administrative hearings.

9. That proposed evidentiary exhibits, not already pre-served, shall be emailed to the presiding officers and all parties by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Additionally, the parties shall email a list of all materials they will seek to move into evidence, if any.

10. That written testimony shall comply with the requirements of 52 Pa.Code § 5.412 and shall be marked with numerical, sequential statement numbers.

11. That the parties shall serve written testimony to the presiding officers in PDF and Microsoft Word formats, on the date of service. If the testimony includes any worksheets, those worksheets shall be provided in Excel format to the presiding officers and all parties, within one day after the testimony is served.

12. That any motions with respect to, or objections to, written testimony must be presented in writing no later than three days prior to the day that the witness sponsoring that testimony is scheduled to testify. Answers to such motions or objections may be filed within three days or sooner if circumstances warrant. Oral motions, other than for good cause, shall not be accepted.

13. That two in-person public input hearings are tentatively scheduled. The public input hearings will begin at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on either June 23, 2026 or June 24, 2026.

Detailed notice of the public input hearings will be issued once the date and location for the public input hearings are confirmed.

14. That PPL shall publish notice of public input hearings weekly, for two consecutive weeks, in newspapers of general circulation in the location of the proposed HV line. This publication shall include, at minimum, the Wilkes Barre Citizens' Voice, Wilkes Barre Times Leader, and the Hazleton Standard Speaker. Notice shall begin at least 14 days before the start date of public input hearings. PPL shall confer with the OCA regarding the content of the notice of public input hearings. PPL shall file proofs of publication with the Secretary of the Commission and serve a copy on the presiding officer and active parties, within one week of publication.

15. That PPL shall also publish electronic notice of public input hearings on PPL's website and social media.

16. That PPL shall publish notice of evidentiary hearings weekly, for two consecutive weeks, in newspapers of general circulation in the location of the proposed HV line. This publication shall include, at minimum, the Wilkes Barre Citizens' Voice, Wilkes Barre Times Leader, and the Hazleton Standard Speaker. Publication of notice of the evidentiary hearings shall not begin until after conclusion of the public input hearings, but shall begin at least 45 days before the start date of evidentiary hearings. This notice shall also conspicuously state that evidentiary hearings are for the sole purpose of receiving pre-served written testimony from the active parties and the cross examination of active party witnesses, and that there will be no opportunity for the public to provide testimony. PPL shall file proofs of publication with the Secretary of the Commission and serve a copy on the presiding officer and active parties, within one week of publication.

17. That discovery shall be conducted according to the Commission's rules and regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.321 *et seq*, subject to the following modifications:

After rebuttal testimony is served, the deadlines are as follows:

A. Answers to written interrogatories and requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served in-hand within ten (10) calendar days of service.

B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories; unresolved objections shall be served in writing to the propounding party within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.

C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within five (5) business days of service of written objections.

D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.

E. Requests for admissions will be deemed admitted unless answered within ten (10) calendar days or objected to within five (5) calendar days of service.

F. Answers to on-the-record data requests shall be served in-hand within five (5) calendar days of the requests.

G. Any discovery or discovery-related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day before a holiday will be deemed to have been served on the next business day for purposes of calculating the due date for any responsive filing.

18. That the parties shall conduct discovery pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.321-5.373, as modified above. The parties are encouraged to cooperate and exchange information on an informal basis. The parties shall cooperate rather than engage in numerous or protracted discovery disagreements that require formal resolution. Parties represented by counsel are

expected to provide *pro se* active parties a reasonable accommodation if *pro se* active parties seek a reasonable extension of time to perform any act required under discovery rules. Nonetheless, if necessary, motions to compel may be presented to the undersigned. All motions to compel shall contain a certification by counsel setting forth the informal discovery undertaken and their efforts to resolve their discovery disputes informally. If a motion to compel does not contain this certification, the parties will be directed to pursue informal discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.372.

19. That the parties shall stipulate to any matters they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burden of time and expenses in litigation on all parties and conserve administrative hearing resources. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.232 and 5.234.

20. That the parties should do their best to avoid the use of **Confidential Security Information (CSI)**, as defined by 35 P.S. § 2141 et seq., in this proceeding. Where possible, the parties should develop alternative means of introducing information into the record, such as joint stipulations or redaction when proposing testimony or exhibits. If the parties cannot avoid the use of CSI, the parties are to contact the undersigned in advance of any submission, and prior to the evidentiary hearing.

21. That a briefing order will be issued with further instructions regarding briefs following the evidentiary hearings in this case.

22. That the parties are to confer amongst themselves in an attempt to resolve all or some of the issues associated with this proceeding. The parties are reminded it is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The parties are strongly urged to seriously explore this possibility. If a settlement is reached, a joint settlement petition executed by representatives of all parties to be bound thereby, together with statements in support of settlement by all signatory parties, must be filed with the Secretary for the Commission and served on the undersigned.

23. That any provision of this order may be modified upon motion and good cause shown by any party in interest in accordance with 52 Pa. Code §5.223(a).

Date: March 20, 2026

_____/s/
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