

**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 :

PREHEARING ORDER #1

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.

On March 20, 2026, we issued a Scheduling Order, setting forth the procedural matters addressed during the prehearing conference. Among other things, the Scheduling Order directed protestants Erika Cook and John Zola to inform the undersigned if they choose to participate in this proceeding as active parties. On March 24, 2026, Erika Cook and John Zola e-mailed the undersigned that they would participate in this proceeding as active parties.

The updated service list for this proceeding is attached to this Order.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

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

Date: March 26, 2026

_____/s/
Erin L. Gannon
Administrative Law Judge

_____/s/
John M. Coogan
Administrative Law Judge

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