

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Nieves Abad	:	
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v.	:	C-2024-3047163
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

ORDER
DENYING MOTION TO REINSTATE PROTECTIVE ORDER - PPL

Relevant procedural history

On February 15, 2024, Nieves Abad (“Complainant”) filed a Formal Complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission against PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL”). As I explained in my August 13, 2024, Order Clarifying Scope of Proceeding and Granting in Part and Denying in Part, Complainant’s Motion to Compel, the sole issue presented by the Formal Complaint was whether PPL has provided unreasonable service to Complainant for allegedly failing to relocate certain utility poles on or near his property at his request.

On February 11, 2025, Complainant filed an Amended Complaint in this matter which raised 5 arguments. On February 20, 2025, PPL filed an Answer with New Matter and Preliminary Objections to the Amended Complaint.

On February 18, 2025, PPL filed a Motion for Protective Order, seeking an order prohibiting Mr. Abad from serving any additional discovery upon PPL.

On June 27, 2025, the Commission issued my Order granting in part, and denying in part, PPL’s Preliminary Objections. In my Order portions of the Amended Complaint were stricken, and I highlighted the three issues to be addressed at a future evidentiary hearing in this matter. Those issues are the following:

- Whether Respondent has complied with the Commission’s regulations and its tariff regarding the relocation of poles located on Complainant’s property (as raised in the Formal Complaint and Amended Complaint Argument #4).
- Whether Respondent’s tree removal activities (vegetation management practices) on Complainant’s property were reasonable and adequate pursuant to the Code and applicable Commission regulations (as raised in Amended Complaint Argument #1 and Argument #2).
- Whether Respondent is responsible or accountable for the April 13, May 25, and June 6, 2023, incidents where utility wires fell onto Complainant’s property, causing power outages (as raised in Amended Complaint Argument #1).

On July 23, 2025, the Commission issued my Order Granting Motion for Protective Order.

On November 4, 2025, a further prehearing conference was held with both parties present. During this conference, after listening to arguments from both parties, I indicated that I would lift my July 23, 2025, Protective Order.

On November 7, 2025, the Commission issued my Revised Order Setting Litigation Schedule. This Order lifted the July 23, 2025, Protective Order and established a new deadline of February 17, 2026, for the close of discovery.

On December 3, 2025, PPL filed a Motion to Reinstate Protective Order, requesting that I reinstate my July 23, 2025, Protective Order, again prohibiting Mr. Abad from serving any additional discovery upon PPL.

Given that the date of February 17, 2026, has passed, discovery is closed in this proceeding. Therefore, PPL’s Motion to Reinstate Protective Order is now moot. The Motion will be denied as moot in the Ordering paragraphs below.

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