

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Justin Cohen	:	C-2026-3061712
	:	C-2026-3061841
	:	C-2026-3061842
v.	:	C-2026-3061843
	:	C-2026-3061844
	:	C-2026-3061845
PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	C-2026-3061846
	:	C-2026-3061847
	:	C-2026-3061848

**FIRST INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

On April 10, 2026, Justin Cohen (Complainant) filed a formal complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Respondent), at Docket No. C-2026-3061712 (First Complaint) alleging incorrect billing for electrical services by PPL at 1438 West Turner Street, 1 FL, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102.

On May 4, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the First Complaint. Complainant did not file a response to the New Matter.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a second formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061841 (Second Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 646 Braine Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

On May 6, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Second Complaint. Complainant did not file a response to the New Matter.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a third formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061842 (Third Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 648 Braine Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

On May 6, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Third Complaint.

On May 13, 2026, Complainant filed a Reply to Answer.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a fourth formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061843 (Fourth Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 607 Ridge Avenue, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102.

On May 6, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Fourth Complaint. Complainant did not file a response to the New Matter.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a fifth formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061844 (Fifth Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 333 Brandon Avenue, Apt. #2, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

On May 6, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Fifth Complaint.

On May 13, 2026, Complainant filed a Reply to Answer.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a sixth formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061845 (Sixth Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 333 Brandon Avenue, Apt. #1, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

On May 7, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Sixth Complaint.

On May 13, 2026, Complainant filed a Reply to Answer.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a seventh formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061846 (Seventh Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 17 Amity Court, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509.

On May 7, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Seventh Complaint.

On May 13, 2026, Complainant filed a Reply to Answer.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed an eighth formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061847 (Eighth Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 11 Amity Court, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509.

On May 7, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Eighth Complaint.

On May 13, 2026, Complainant filed a Reply to Answer.

On April 16, 2026, Complainant filed a ninth formal complaint against PPL at Docket No. C-2026-3061848 (Ninth Complaint) alleging incorrect billing by PPL for electric service at 13 Amity Court, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509.

On May 7, 2026, PPL filed an Answer and New Matter in response to the Ninth Complaint.

On May 13, 2026, Complainant filed a Reply to Answer.

Also on May 13, 2026, PPL filed a Motion to Consolidate the complaints at Docket Nos. C-2026-3061712, C-2026-3061841, C-2026-3061842, C-2026-3061843, C-2026-

3061844, C-2026-3061845, C-2026-3061846, C-2026-3061847, and C-2026-3061848.
Complainant did not file a response to the Motion to Consolidate.

Discussion

The Commission's regulations pertaining to consolidation appear at 52 Pa. Code § 5.81, and state in relevant part:

§ 5.81. Consolidation.

(a) The Commission or presiding officer, with or without motion, may order proceedings involving a common question of law or fact to be consolidated. The Commission or presiding officer may make orders concerning the conduct of the proceeding as may avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

Cases have been consolidated for adjudication; *Re Middletown Taxi Co.*, 50 Pa. PUC 263 (1976), for hearing; *City of York v. York Telephone and Telegraph Co.*, 43 Pa. PUC 240 (1967), for briefing; *Clepper Farms, Inc. v. Grantham Water Co.*, 41 Pa. PUC 749 (1965), and have been refused consolidation for any purpose; *Dopp v. Williamsburg Borough Dep't of Water and Sewer*, 59 Pa. PUC 25 (1984).

In considering the consolidation of cases, the first criteria (set forth in the Commission's regulations) is that the proceedings must involve "a common question of law or fact." An examination of Commission precedent in such cases as *Applications of Philadelphia Electric Co.*, 43 Pa. PUC 781 (1968), *Pa. Public Utility Comm'n v. Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania*, 46 Pa. PUC 568 (1973), and *Pa. Public Utility Comm'n v. Butler Twp. Water Co.*, 52 Pa. PUC 442 (1978), as well as those cited above, establishes that considerations in addition to the presence of common questions of law or fact must also be evaluated in ruling on a consolidation. These other considerations are:

1. Will the presence of additional issues cloud a determination of the common issues?

2. Will consolidation result in reduced costs of litigation and decision-making for the parties and the Commission?
3. Do issues in one proceeding go to the heart of an issue in the other proceeding?
4. Will consolidation unduly protract the hearing, or produce a disorderly and unwieldy record?
5. Will different statutory and legal issues be involved?
6. Does the party with the burden of proof differ in the proceedings?
7. Will consolidation unduly delay the resolution of one the proceedings?
8. Will supporting data in both proceedings be repetitive?

No single consideration or group of considerations or the presence of a common question of law or fact is dispositive in determining whether to consolidate proceedings. Rather, the Commission or presiding officer must evaluate all of these considerations and balance those favoring versus those disfavoring consolidating the proceedings.

After reviewing the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Complaints, I will grant the Motion to Consolidate. All nine cases involve the same parties and identical allegations. All of the complaints challenge the accuracy of the billing issued by PPL. Further, all nine complaints allege that PPL has failed to provide requested documentation about meter accuracy and the accuracy of information included in its customer portals. All nine complaints involve common questions of law and fact and may be most efficiently addressed in a consolidated proceeding.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion of PPL to Consolidate the formal complaints of Justin Cohen against PPL at Docket Nos. C-2026-3061712, C-2026-3061841, C-2026-3061842, C-2026-3061843, C-2026-3061844, C-2026-3061845, C-2026-3061846, C-2026-3061847, and C-2026-3061848, is granted, and these complaints are hereby consolidated.

Date: June 18, 2026

/s/
Steven K. Haas
Administrative Law Judge

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