

July 6, 2026

Via Electronic Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant to 52 : Docket No.
Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to (1) Bifurcate and Rebuild : **A-2026-**
4.4 Miles of the Existing Sunbury-Susquehanna #1 230 kV Transmission : **3061547**
Line; (2) Construct 0.9 Miles of New Transmission Line Tap for Future 230 :
kV Double-Circuit Operation; (3) Raise Approximately 0.5 Miles of the :
Sunbury-Susquehanna 500 kV Transmission Line; and (4) Construct 11.2 :
Miles of New Double-Circuit 230 kV Transmission Line for Future Double-
Circuit 500 kV Capacity, Located, in Black Creek, Hazle, Hollenback,
Nescopeck, and Sugarloaf Townships in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Under 15 PA. C.S. 1511(c) : Docket No.
For A Finding and Determination That The Service to Be Furnished BY The : **A-2026-**
Applicant Through Its Proposed Exercise of Eminent Domain To Acquire A : **3061555**
Certain Portion Of The Lands of John F. Zola & Jill M. Zola in Sugarloaf :
Township Luzerne County, Pennsylvania For The Sugarloaf 500/230 kV :
Transmission Line Associated With The Proposed Sugarloaf 500/230 kV :
Transmission Line Project Is Necessary Or Proper For The Service,
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Dear Secretary Homsher:

Attached for electronic filing, please find Protestant John and Jill Zola and Richard and Bridget Caputo's Prehearing Memorandum in the instant proceeding.

Copies have been served on the parties as indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cc: The Honorable Steven K. Haas, Administrative Law Judge
The Honorable Emily A. Farren, Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system and served a true copy of the following document, Protestant John and Jill Zola and Richard and Bridget Caputo's Prehearing Memorandum, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2026.

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**BEFORE
THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to (1) Bifurcate and Rebuild 4.4 Miles of the Existing Sunbury-Susquehanna #1 230 kV Transmission Line; (2) Construct 0.9 Miles of New Transmission Line Tap for Future 230 kV Double-Circuit Operation; (3) Raise Approximately 0.5 Miles of the Sunbury-Susquehanna 500 kV Transmission Line; and (4) Construct 11.2 Miles of New Double-Circuit 230 kV Transmission Line for Future Double-Circuit 500 kV Capacity, Located, in Black Creek, Hazle, Hollenback, Nescopeck, and Sugarloaf Townships in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania : Docket No. **A-2026-3061547**

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**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF JOHN AND JILL ZOLA AND RICHARD AND BRIDGET CAPUTO**

Protestants John and Jill Zola and Richard and Bridget Caputo (hereafter “Protestants”), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submit this prehearing memorandum in this proceeding.

1. Brief History of the Proceeding

On April 6, 2026, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (hereafter “PPL”) filed a Siting Application pursuant to 57 Pa. Code §§57.71 et seq., seeking the approval of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (hereafter “Commission” or “PUC”) to bifurcate and rebuild 4.4 miles of the existing Sunbury-Susquehanna #1 230 kV Transmission Line; construct 0.9 Miles of new transmission line tap for future 230 kV double-circuit operation; raise approximately 0.5 miles of the Sunbury-Susquehanna 500 kV Transmission line; and construct 11.2 m Miles of New Double-Circuit 230 kV Transmission Line for Future Double-Circuit 500 kV Capacity, Located in Black Creek, Hazle, Hollenback, Nescopeck, and Sugarloaf Townships in Luzerne County. It also filed numerous applications for authorization to exercise the power of eminent domain pursuant to 15 Pa. C.S. § 1511(c) to acquire land of John and Jill Zola in Sugarloaf Township, Luzerne County.

On June 12, 2026, Protestants filed their protest, essentially asserting that the Commission should hold hearings to examine the adequacy of PPL’s assertions regarding the need for and siting of the proposed facilities.

Starting on June 30th, 2026, Protests were filed by a number of other land owners, Erika and Anthony Cook, Sugar Maple Trails LLC, Robert J. Pope, Erik Sharkey and Tiffany Sharkey, Jill Groce, Michael and Deena Bereznak and Mark L. Clark, William John and Cynthia Tressler, Michael F. Dunleavy, Wendy Larock and Patricia Kisenwether, Jason and Melissa Ritz, Jane Reakes, John and Melissa Kramer, Paul Malone and Mary Malone, and George Larock.

2. Issues to Be Addressed

- A. Need for the line, including but not limited to the permit status of the singular customer's request for service.
- B. Route selection.
- C. Safety of the preferred route.

3. List of proposed witnesses:

A. John Zola – Property Owner

John Zola will testify to the effects on his property, interference with the use and enjoyment of his property, the historical significance of the historical significance of the orchard on his property. He will support the selection of one or more alternative routes. He will address the lack of local land use approvals for the one customer driving this filing.

B. Jill Zola

Protestant Jill Zola will testify to her safety concerns about the closeness of the line to the Zola family compound.

C. Richard Caputo – Property Owner

Protestant Caputo will give evidence on the effect of the proposed line on his property which was originally included in the proposed right-of-way, but which PPL now has managed to avoid technically, but which creates a significant impact on his home.

- D. Protestants respectfully reserve the right to call other witnesses based on the results of their discovery.

4. List of exhibits or documents intended to be presented

The Protestants have not yet identified exhibits or documents yet. Protestants will issue their first set of discovery eminently.

5. Party's position on public input hearings

Protestants firmly support public input hearing in the local area.

6. Proposed litigation schedule.

To be submitted prior to or at the prehearing conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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