

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

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF JOEL AND VICTORIA BUTALA**

1. Brief History of the Proceeding

On April 6, 2026, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL”) filed a Siting Application pursuant to 57 Pa. Code §§ 57.71 et seq., seeking Commission approval 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 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, Luzerne County (the “Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project”).

Protestants Joel and Victoria Butala (“Protestants”) own approximately 18 acres in Sugarloaf Township, Luzerne County, on which they are constructing their primary residence, with an anticipated completion date by December 2026. Protestants' property lies along alternative Routes B and B1 of the Project. On July 3, 2026, Protestants filed a timely pro se protest to the Application, objecting specifically to Routes B and B1 and asserting that the Commission should hold hearings to examine the need for and siting of the proposed facilities.

Protests have also been filed by numerous other landowners, including John and Jill Zola, Richard and Bridget Caputo, Erika and Anthony Cook, Sugar Maple Trails LLC, Robert J. Pope, Erik and Tiffany Sharkey, Jill Groce, Michael and Deena Berezna, 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 and Mary Malone, and George Larock.

2. Issues to Be Addressed

- A. Need for the Project, including the extent to which the projected load underlying the Project — including load associated with the proposed “Project Hazelnut” data center campus — is speculative rather than firm.
- B. Route selection, and specifically why Routes B and B1, which traverse Protestants' property, should not be approved in favor of other available alternatives that avoid Protestants' property.
- C. The scope and adequacy of PPL's existing easement rights, including whether PPL's existing lower-voltage easement is sufficient to support construction of new 500 kV double-circuit facilities.
- D. Safety, property value, and use-and-enjoyment impacts of the preferred route on Protestants' property, including impacts to their home under construction.

3. List of Proposed Witnesses

A. Joel and Victoria Butala – Property Owners

Protestants Joel and Victoria Butala will testify as property owners regarding the effects of alternative routes B and B1 on their property, including impacts to their home under construction, interference with the use and enjoyment of the property, property value and safety concerns, and the practical impacts of the alternative routes on the buildout and access of their property. Protestants will address the speculative nature of the load projection underlying the Project and will support the selection of routes and alternatives that avoid Protestants' property.

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

4. List of Exhibits or Documents Intended to Be Presented

Protestants have not yet identified exhibits or documents to be presented at hearing. Protestants anticipate that such exhibits may include GIS parcel and deed records, PPL's existing easement documentation, and materials relating to the proposed data center development commonly referred to as “Project Hazelnut.” Protestants will issue their first set of discovery imminently.

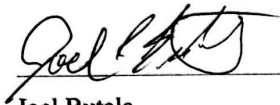
5. Party's Position on Public Input Hearings

Protestants firmly support public input hearings in the local area.

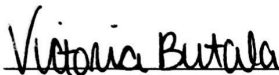
6. Proposed Litigation Schedule

To be submitted prior to or at the prehearing conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: July 8, 2026

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

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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, Prehearing Memorandum of Joel and Victoria Butala, 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 8th day of July, 2026.

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