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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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**Re: 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, Conyngham, Hazle, Hollenback, Nescopeck, and Sugarloaf, Townships in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2026-3061547**

**Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Findings That A Structure To Shelter Electrical And Control Equipment At The Proposed Nescopeck Switchyard In Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania Is Reasonably Necessary For The Convenience Or Welfare Of The Public
Docket No. P-2026-3061609**

**Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Under 15 Pa.C.S. § 1511(c) For A Finding And Determination That The Service To Be Furnished By The Applicant Through Its Proposed Exercise Of The Power Of Eminent Domain To Acquire Certain Portions Of Lands In Hazle 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, Accommodation, Convenience, Or Safety Of The Public
Docket Nos. A-2026-3061549, et al.**

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Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed for filing, please find the Prehearing Memorandum of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in the above-referenced proceedings.

Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

cc: Administrative Law Judge Emily A. Farren (*w/attachment; via email only*)
Administrative Law Judge Steven K. Haas (*w/attachment; via email only*)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 57.74(b).

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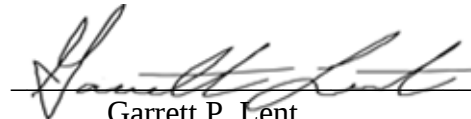
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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 :
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Circuit 230 kV Transmission Line for Future :
Double-Circuit 500 kV Capacity, Located in :
Black Creek, Conyngham, Hazle, :
Hollenback, Nescopeck, and Sugarloaf, :
Townships in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania :

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :
for Findings That A Structure To Shelter :
Electrical And Control Equipment At The :
Proposed Nescopeck Switchyard In : Docket No. P-2026-3061609
Nescopeck Township, Luzerne County, :
Pennsylvania Is Reasonably Necessary For :
The Convenience Or Welfare Of The Public :

Application of PPL Electric Utilities : Docket Nos.
Corporation Under 15 Pa.C.S. § 1511(c) For : A-2026-3061549, A-2026-3061550
A Finding And Determination That The : A-2026-3061551, A-2026-3061552
Service To Be Furnished By The Applicant : A-2026-3061553, A-2026-3061554
Through Its Proposed Exercise Of The Power : A-2026-3061555, A-2026-3061556
Of Eminent Domain To Acquire Certain : A-2026-3061557, A-2026-3061560
Portions Of Lands In Hazle Township, : A-2026-3061561, A-2026-3061562
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania For The : A-2026-3061564, A-2026-3061566
Sugarloaf 500/230 Kv Transmission Line : A-2026-3061567, A-2026-3061568
Associated With The Proposed Sugarloaf : A-2026-3061569, A-2026-3061570
500/230 Kv Transmission Line Project Is : A-2026-3061571, A-2026-3061572
Necessary Or Proper For The Service, : A-2026-3061573, A-2026-3061576
Accommodation, Convenience, Or Safety Of : A-2026-3061577, A-2026-3061578
The Public : A-2026-3061579, A-2026-3061581
: A-2026-3061582, A-2026-3061583,
: A-2026-3061584, A-2026-3061585

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES EMILY A. FARREN AND STEVEN K. HAAS:

Pursuant to the Prehearing Conference Order of Administrative Law Judges Emily A. Farren and Steven K. Haas (the “ALJs”), dated June 24, 2026, and 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.221-5.224, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric” or the “Company”) hereby submits its Prehearing Conference Memorandum.

I. SERVICE ON PPL ELECTRIC

1. PPL Electric will be represented in this case by the counsel named below. Copies of all documents should be served on PPL Electric as follows:

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Please be advised that Mr. Garrett P. Lent will speak as the lead attorney for PPL Electric for purposes of the prehearing conference. However, other counsel for PPL Electric will be participating and available during the telephonic prehearing conference as needed.

2. PPL Electric agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. Further, it is requested that Michelle L. Bartolomei (mbartolomei@pplweb.com), Thomas Connolly (tconnolly@postschell.com), and Brittney Corey (bcorey@postschell.com) be included on all electronic mail sent in this proceeding.

3. PPL Electric's attorneys are authorized to accept service on behalf of PPL Electric in this proceeding. PPL Electric requests that the Commission and all parties of record serve copies of all discovery requests and answers, correspondence, Commission Orders, and any other documents issued in this proceeding on its attorneys.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

4. On April 6, 2026, PPL Electric filed, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 57.72, an application ("Siting Application") requesting Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") approval to (1) rebuild approximately 4.4 miles of the existing single-circuit Sunbury-Susquehanna #1 230 kilovolt ("kV") Transmission Line for double-circuit 230 kV operation ("Susquehanna-Nescopeck #1 and #2 230 kV Transmission Lines") from the existing Susquehanna Switchyard to the proposed Nescopeck 230 kV Switchyard; (2) construct a new approximately 0.9-mile-long 230 kV transmission line tap for future 230 kV double-circuit operation from the existing single-circuit Sunbury-Susquehanna #1 230 kV Transmission Line to the new Nescopeck 230 kV Switchyard; (3) raise approximately 0.5 miles of the Sunbury-Susquehanna 500 kV Transmission Line to accommodate the undercrossing of the proposed

Susquehanna-Nescopeck #1 and #2 230 kV Transmission Lines and the proposed Sunbury-Nescopeck #1 230 kV Transmission Line; and (4) construct a new 11.2-mile-long 230 kV transmission line (“Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line”) for future double-circuit 500 kV capacity between the proposed Nescopeck 230 kV Switchyard, new Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard, and the existing Harwood 230/69 kV Substation.

5. Also on April 6, 2026, PPL Electric filed, pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1511(c), 30 applications (“Condemnation Applications”) for a finding and determination that the service to be furnished by PPL Electric through its proposed exercise of the power of eminent domain to acquire a certain portion of the lands of various entities in Black Creek, Hazle, Sugarloaf, and Nescopeck Townships, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for the proposed PPL Electric-owned Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line, is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public.

6. Collectively, these new and rebuilt transmission lines are referred to in the Siting Application as the “Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project” or the “Project”.

7. Also on April 6, 2026, PPL Electric filed, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.41 and 53 P.S. § 10619, a petition (“Zoning Petition”) for findings that one structure to shelter electrical control equipment at the proposed PPL Electric-owned Nescopeck 230 kV Switchyard is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public and, therefore, exempt from any local zoning ordinance.

8. The Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project is necessary to serve multiple requesting customers and to resolve projected voltage violations created by anticipated load growth in the area. The Project is the second phase (“Phase 2”) of transmission line expansion projects that PPL Electric is planning and carrying out in order to meet these needs.

9. On May 7, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed a Protest and Public Statement.

10. Also on May 7, 2026, OCA filed a motion to consolidate the above-captioned dockets with Docket No. A-2025-3059443.¹

11. On May 19, 2026, Erika Cook filed a Motion to Deny Applications/Petition Without Prejudice at the above-captioned dockets and at Docket No. A-2025-3059443.

12. On May 27, 2026, PPL Electric filed an Answer to OCA’s Motion for Consolidation.

13. On June 8, 2026, PPL Electric filed an Answer to Erika Cook’s Motion to Deny Applications/Petition Without Prejudice at Docket No. A-2025-3059443.

14. On June 12, 2026, the Protest of John and Jill Zola and Richard and Bridget Caputo was filed.

15. On June 18, 2026, a Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued, scheduling a telephonic prehearing conference on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

16. On June 23, 2026, the ALJs issued an Order Denying the Motion to Deny Applications/Petition Without Prejudice of Erika Cook.

17. On June 24, 2026, the ALJs issued an Order Denying the Motion for Consolidation of OCA.

18. Also on June 24, 2026, the ALJs issued a Prehearing Conference Order providing, *inter alia*, the date for the Telephonic Prehearing Conference, and directing parties to prepare and

¹ Docket No. A-2025-3059443 is an ongoing docket concerning the Letter of Notification of PPL Electric for approval to construct approximately 1.1 miles of new double-circuit transmission tap lines that are needed to connect the existing Susquehanna-Harwood #1 & #2 230 kV Transmission Lines to the new Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard, and to construct two new 0.1-mile-long 230 kV transmission lines from the Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard to a new customer-owned 230-34 kV substation (“Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard Project”). The Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard Project is Phase 1 of two phases of transmission line expansion that PPL Electric is carrying out.

distribute a prehearing memorandum on or before Wednesday, July 8, 2026. The Prehearing Conference Order also provide that formal protests or petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with 52 Pa. Code (relating to public utilities) on or before Friday, July 3, 2026.

19. On June 30, 2026, the Protests of Michael F. Dunleavy, Erika L. and Anthony J. Cook, Jill Groce, Michael and Deena Berezna, Mark Clark, William John and Cynthia A. Tressler, Wendy LaRock and Patricia Kisenwether, Jason and Melissa Ritz, Sugar Maple Trails LLC, Robert J. Pope, John G. and Melissa Kramer, and Paul and Mary Malone were filed at the above-captioned dockets.

20. On July 1, 2026, the Protests of Erik D. and Tiffany M. Sharkey were filed at the above-captioned dockets.

21. On July 2, 2026, the Protests of Jason D. and Daniel E. Zola, Joel D. and Victoria A. Butala, and George Larock were filed at the above-captioned dockets.

22. On July 3, 2026, the Protest of Jane A. Reakes was filed at the above-captioned dockets.

III. ISSUES

23. PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project satisfies the criteria applicable to the Commission's approval of high-voltage electric transmission lines at 52 Pa. Code § 57.72 *et seq.* and its Interim Guidelines for the Filing of Electric Transmission Line Siting Applications at 52 Pa. Code § 69.3101 *et seq.* PPL Electric further submits that it has satisfied these requirements based upon the information included in its initial filing, which includes its written direct testimony and exhibits.

24. More specifically PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that there is a need for the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project in that it is necessary to address projected voltage

violations resulting from multiple customer requests for transmission level service within the area.
52 Pa. Code § 57.76(a)(1).

25. PPL Electric also intends to demonstrate that the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project will not create an unreasonable risk of danger to the health and safety of the public in that its design will meet or exceed National Electric Safety Code (“NESC”) requirements, as well as other applicable local and state codes and other standards as described in the Siting Application. and in PPL Electric Statement No. 2. 52 Pa. Code § 57.76(a)(2).

26. Further, PPL Electric will demonstrate that the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project is in compliance with the applicable statutes and regulations providing for the protection of the natural resources within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 52 Pa. Code § 57.76(a)(3).

27. PPL Electric will also demonstrate that the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project will have minimum adverse environmental impact when compared to available alternatives, consistent with 52 Pa. Code § 57.76(a)(4).

28. Related to the Zoning Petition, PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that the structure to shelter electrical and control equipment at the proposed Nescopeck 230 kV Switchyard is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public. 52 Pa. Code § 5.41; 53 P.S. § 10619.

29. Finally, as related to the Condemnation Applications, PPL Electric will demonstrate that the service to be furnished by PPL Electric through its proposed exercise of eminent domain associate with the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public. 15 Pa.C.S. § 1511(c).

30. PPL Electric reserves the right to raise and respond to additional issues related to the Siting Application if and as those issues should arise.

IV. WITNESSES

A. SITING APPLICATION

31. Below is a list of the witnesses that PPL Electric intends to call in this proceeding and the subject areas of their testimony. PPL Electric notes that these witnesses have already submitted direct testimony in support of the Siting Application. PPL Electric reserves the right to call additional witnesses, present testimony, or both, on additional issues and subject matter that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

Witness	Statement	Subjects Addressed
Joseph Lookup Vice President – Transmission and Distribution Planning and Asset Management PPL Services Corporation 827 Hausman Road Allentown, PA 18104	PPL Electric Statement No. 1	General Description of Project Need for Project
Kyle Swartzentruber Lead Responsible Engineer PPL Services Corporation 827 Hausman Road Allentown, PA 18104	PPL Electric Statement No. 2	Engineering and Design Criteria Safety Considerations
Peter Sparhawk Senior Vice President, T&D Market Sector Lead, Earth & Environment WSP USA 350 Eagleview Blvd. Suite 250 Exton, PA 19341	PPL Electric Statement No. 3	Route Alternatives Siting Analysis Environmental Assessment and Mitigation
Austin Weseloh Transmission Right of Way and Real Estate Supervisor PPL Services Corporation 827 Hausman Road Allentown, PA 18104	PPL Electric Statement No. 4	Right-of-Way Easement Rights

32. In addition, the following Attachments were included with the Siting Application filing:

- Attachment 1: Commission Regulation Cross-Reference Matrix
- Attachment 2: Necessity Statement
- Attachment 3: Environmental Analysis
- Attachment 4: Alternatives and Siting Analysis
- Attachment 5: Engineering Description
- Attachment 6: List of Owners of Property Within the Right-of-Way
- Attachment 7: Agency Permit Requirements
- Attachment 8: List of Involved Governmental Agencies, Municipalities, and Other Public Entities Receiving the Application;
- Attachment 9: List of Government Agencies, Municipalities, and Other Public Entities Contacted
- Attachment 10: List of Public Locations Where Application can be Examined
- Attachment 11: PPL Electric's Magnetic Field Management Program
- Attachment 12: PPL Electric's Vegetation Management Program
- Attachment 13: PPL Electric's Design Criteria and Safety Practices
- Attachment 14: Agency Coordination
- Attachment 15: Cultural Resources Report
- Attachment 16: Public Notice Requirements

B. CONDEMNATION APPLICATIONS

33. Below is a list of the witnesses that PPL Electric intends to call in this proceeding and the subject areas of their testimony. PPL Electric notes that these witnesses have already submitted direct testimony in support each of the Condemnation Applications. PPL Electric reserves the right to call additional witnesses, present testimony, or both, on additional issues and subject matter that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

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34. In addition, the following Attachments were included with each Condemnation Application, as applicable to each landowner:

- PPL Electric Exhibit AKW-1: Aerial Map Showing Project Location
- PPL Electric Exhibit AKW-2: Recorded Deed for the Property
- PPL Electric Exhibit AKW-3: Copy of Plan Showing Property
- PPL Electric Exhibit AKW-4: Copy of Existing Easement Conveyance
- PPL Electric Exhibit AKW-5: 15-Day Notice Required by 52 Pa. Code § 57.91 and Company Code of Conduct and Information Required by 52 Pa. Code § 69.3102
- PPL Electric Exhibit AKW-6: Resolution Adopted by PPL Electric's Board of Directors Authorizing and Directing Condemnation Applications

V. **DISCOVERY**

35. As of the date of submission of this Prehearing Memorandum, PPL Electric has received one set of discovery requests from OCA.

36. PPL Electric is not requesting any modification of the Commission's procedural rules regarding discovery at this time. PPL Electric agrees to cooperate with any parties to these matters regarding any reasonable modification to the Commission's procedural discovery rules, which may be necessary for the orderly and timely administration of these proceedings.

VI. **PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

37. At this time, and for the purposes of further discussion amongst the parties, PPL Electric proposes the following schedule:

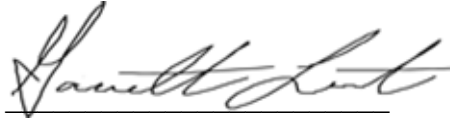
Prehearing Conference:	July 10, 2026
Other Parties' Direct Testimony:	October 2, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony:	December 21, 2026

Surrebuttal Testimony:	January 19, 2027
Written Rejoinder:	January 25, 2027
Hearings:	February 16-18, 2027
Main Brief:	March 16, 2027
Reply Brief:	April 1, 2027

VII. SETTLEMENT

38. As of this time, no settlement discussions have been held. PPL Electric remains open and available for settlement discussions with the other parties and would support initiatives to begin settlement discussions at the earliest possible date.

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