

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Letter of Notification of PPL Electric	:	
Utilities Corporation Filed Pursuant to 52	:	
Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for	:	
Approval to Build Approximately 1.1 Miles	:	A-2025-3059443
of New Parallel Double Circuit 230 kV	:	
Transmission Taps that are Needed to	:	
Connect the Existing Susquehanna-Harwood	:	
#1 & #2 Transmission Lines on the New	:	
Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard that are	:	
Respectively Located in Luzerne County,	:	
Pennsylvania	:	

**ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY**

This Order grants the Office of Consumer Advocate’s request to submit Supplemental Direct testimony regarding the June 30, 2026 public input hearings in this matter. Such testimony must be served **on or by Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 12 p.m.**

Relevant Procedural Background

At the March 18, 2026 prehearing conference in this matter, a procedural schedule was adopted that provided for active parties, other than PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL), to serve written Direct testimony by July 8, 2026. The deadlines for Direct testimony and other rounds of written testimony were memorialized in the Scheduling Order issued on March 20, 2026.

On May 5, 2026, a Public Input Hearings Notice was issued, setting the date and time for the in-person public input hearings to be held on June 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., in Hazleton, PA.

On June 30, 2026, the public input hearings were convened, as scheduled.

On July 2, 2026, via email to all parties, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) advised that it would file a written request to establish a Supplemental Direct testimony date of July 17, 2026, for the sole purpose of providing additional testimony regarding the June 30, 2026 public input hearings. Since the July 4 holiday was observed on Friday, July 3, 2026, the OCA anticipated filing its motion on Monday, July 6, 2026. The OCA represented that PPL objected to the request. The undersigned directed PPL to file any response by July 7, 2028.

On July 6, 2026, the OCA filed a Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Direct Testimony of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA Motion).

Also on July 6, 2026, PPL filed an Answer of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to the Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Direct Testimony of the Office of Consumer Advocate (PPL Answer).

For the reasons stated below, the OCA Motion will be granted in part and denied in part.

DISCUSSION

The Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure provide that a request may be made by motion for relief desired. 52 Pa. Code § 5.103(a). Motions "must set forth the ruling or relief sought, and state the grounds therefor and the statutory or other authority upon which it relies." *Id.* Further, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code provides that presiding officers in proceedings before the Commission are empowered to control the receipt of evidence. 66 Pa.C.S. § 331(d). Additionally, presiding officers are permitted to regulate the conduct of proceedings before the Commission. 52 Pa. Code § 5.483(a).

In its motion, the OCA avers that the witness who will sponsor the OCA's public input hearing-related testimony in this matter was unable to attend the June 30, 2026 hearings.

OCA Motion at 4-5. The OCA submits that it has not yet received the hearing transcripts, which impairs its ability to adequately and completely prepare its case in chief by the July 8, 2026 deadline for Direct testimony. OCA Motion at 4-5. As relief, the OCA requests that the Presiding Officers permit the OCA to submit Supplemental Direct testimony regarding the June 30, 2026 public input hearings, by Friday, July 17, 2026. *Id.* at 6.

In support of its motion, the OCA contends that granting the OCA leave to submit Supplemental Direct testimony will not harm the substantive rights of any party because all parties were in attendance at the public input hearings, are aware of the matters discussed thereat, and will have the opportunity to respond to the OCA's proposed Supplemental Direct testimony in the Rebuttal testimony due on August 7, 2026. OCA Motion at 5. The OCA argues that, if it files the supplemental testimony on July 17, 2026, the additional time will not unreasonably prevent the parties from producing an adequate response. *Id.*

In its answer, PPL contends that, while the public input hearing was specific to the Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard Project Letter of Notification filing ("Phase 1"), a substantial portion of the testimony addressed the Sugarloaf 500/230 kV Transmission Line Project application filing docketed at A-226-3061547 ("Phase 2"). PPL Answer at 4. PPL argues that that testimony regarding Phase 2 is outside the scope of the instant proceeding and, more generally, that the amount and scope of testimony provided at the public input hearings does not warrant 10 additional days for the OCA to prepare Supplemental Direct testimony. *Id.* at 4-6. PPL argues further that the public input hearing testimony will be included in the record regardless of OCA's testimony repeating or summarizing the same. *Id.* at 5-6.

On July 7, 2026, via email, counsel for OCA advised all parties that the OCA received the public input hearing transcripts from the Commission on July 7, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.

As noted above, during the prehearing conference in this matter, the undersigned adopted a procedural schedule for submission of Direct testimony by July 8, 2026. At that time, it was anticipated that public input hearings would be scheduled for June 23, 2026 or June 24, 2026. One of the matters considered in setting the deadline for Direct testimony was the OCA's

confirmation that the two-week interval would provide sufficient time for the OCA to incorporate the public input hearing testimony in its Direct testimony. Tr. 23-24. Due to venue availability, however, the public input hearings were scheduled for June 30, 2026. This reduced the interval to one week.

Given this, and considering the timing of receipt of transcript and the parties' positions on the requested extension, we find it reasonable to afford the OCA an additional week to submit Supplemental Direct testimony regarding the public input hearing testimony.

Accordingly, we will grant the OCA Motion, in part, but deny the full extension of time requested. The deadline for submission of Supplemental Direct testimony is **Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 12 p.m.**

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Leave to Submit Supplemental Direct Testimony of the Office of Consumer Advocate is granted in part and denied in part.

2. That a deadline of **July 15, 2026 at 12 p.m.** is adopted for submission of Supplemental Direct testimony by the Office of Consumer Advocate.

Date: July 10, 2026

/s/
John M. Coogan
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Erin L. Gannon
Administrative Law Judge

**A-2025-3059443 - LETTER OF NOTIFICATION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES
CORPORATION FOR SUSQUEHANNA - HARWOOD 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE TAPS**

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