BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Consumer Advocate	:	
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v.	:	C-2026-3065756
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

ORDER
GRANTING MOTION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS

On October 2, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company). The Complaint was served by the Commission's Secretary's Bureau on PPL on October 6, 2026. OCA alleges that PPL's exiting tariff rates, rules, and regulations are unjust, unreasonable, and/or unduly discriminatory or preferential and existing service is unreliable, unreasonable, inadequate, and/or unduly discriminatory or preferential because it causes existing consumers to inappropriately bear the risks and consequences of: (1) paying for new and higher costs that are caused by the additions of data centers to PPL's service territory and the regional grid operated by PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; and (2) receiving service that is frequently interrupted or curtailed due to strains placed on electricity transmission infrastructure and generation supply as a result of the fast-paced interconnections of and service to data centers without PPL taking preventative steps to ensure that either there is sufficient new supply to meet the new data center demand or there is the provision of mandatory interruptible service to data center customers during pre-emergency and emergency conditions, as appropriate.

On October 7, 2026, the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA) filed a Petition to Intervene and Answer.

On October 9, 2026, PPL filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Responsive Pleadings (Motion). Under the Commission's regulations, PPL's responsive pleadings to the Complaint would be due by October 26, 2026. *See* 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.61(a),

5.101(d). PPL's Motion requests that the due date for responsive pleadings be extended to November 2, 2026. In support of its Motion, PPL states that, to prepare any responsive pleadings, it must evaluate and address 260 paragraphs of allegations contained in the Complaint, as well as six affidavits totaling over 320 pages attached to the Complaint. Additionally, PPL states that counsel for the Company has competing deadlines and required appearances between the date the Complaint was served and the date such responsive pleadings would be due. PPL reports that neither OCA nor CAUSE-PA oppose the Company's requested extension.

On October 15, 2026, Governor Josh Shapiro filed a Petition to Intervene.

On October 20, 2026, an Initial Prehearing Conference Notice was issued, setting a telephonic/virtual prehearing conference for November 3, 2026. Also on October 20, 2026, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued.

Requests for an extension of time may be made by motion before expiration of the period originally prescribed where good cause is shown. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(a)(1). The Commission has recognized the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's definition of good cause as "conduct which is reasonable under all the circumstances, thereby justifying the [c]laimaint's actions." *See In re Application of Penn Access Corporation and Digital Direct of Pittsburgh, Inc.*, Docket No. A-310006, 1992 Pa. PUC LEXIS 56, at *9 (1992) (citing *Frumento v. Unemployment Comp. Bd. of Review*, 351 A.2d 631 (Pa. 1976)). Additionally, Section 5.483 of the Commission's regulations provides presiding officers with the authority to regulate the course of proceedings. 52 Pa. Code § 5.483(a). Presiding officers are required to conduct fair and impartial hearings and maintain order. 52 Pa. Code § 5.485(a).

In this case, there is good cause to grant PPL's request for an extension of time to respond to OCA's Complaint. This is PPL's first request for an extension of time, and OCA and CAUSE-PA do not object to the request for an extension of time. Additionally, it is reasonable to grant PPL a brief extension of time to respond to the substantive allegations in OCA's Complaint. Therefore, PPL's request for an extension of time is granted, and the due date for responsive pleadings to OCA's Complaint is November 2, 2026.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Responsive Pleadings is granted.

2. That the due date for filing responsive pleadings to the Office of Consumer Advocate's Formal Complaint is extended to November 2, 2026.

Date: October 21, 2026

/s/
John M. Coogan
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Erin L. Gannon
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