ORDER DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT HEARING

On August 28, 2008, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric) filed a petition (Petition) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) seeking approval of a default service program and procurement plan (DSP) for the period January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2014. The purpose of the plan is to establish the terms and conditions under which PPL Electric will acquire and supply default service, including competitive procurement of Provider of Last Resort (POLR) supply and related alternative energy credits; rate design; an explanation of Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) compliance and consistency; and a contingency plan. The Petition and attachments were served on a lengthy list of entities and utility counsel.

On September 11, 2008, PPL Electric filed its direct testimony.

Following publication of Notice of the Petition in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, 38 Pa. B. 5009, Petitions to Intervene were filed by the following: Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future (PennFuture); Consolidated Edison Solutions (Con Ed Solutions); Constellation New Energy, Inc. and Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc. (collectively, Constellation); Direct Energy Services, LLC (Direct Energy); Eric Joseph Epstein; PPL EnergyPlus; PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance (PPLICA); The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State); Reliant Energy, Inc. (Reliant); Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA); Richards Energy Group; and the Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF). In addition, the Commission’s Office of Trial Staff (OTS) filed an Answer to the Petition; the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed an Answer and Notice of
Intervention and Public Statement; and the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Appearance, Public Statement, and Notice of Intervention and Protest.

Prehearing Memos were filed by PPL Electric, OTS, OCA, OSBA, and each of the entities seeking party status. In addition, Constellation filed a Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice for the admittance of Divesh Gupta, Esq., and PPL Electric filed a Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice for the admittance of Matthew J. Agen, Esq.

At the Prehearing the parties presented a schedule to which they had all agreed prior to the prehearing conference, which was adopted here in an Order issued October 3, 2008. The schedule anticipated the Commission’s final adoption of an order in this matter would occur at a public meeting in April, which is past the seven-month time period set for Commission processing of a DSP plan under 52 Pa. Code § 54.188. Counsel for PPL Electric stated at the prehearing conference, on the record, that the Company waived the seven-month requirement to the extent that the matter is considered at a Commission public meeting in April 2009.

The Company filed a Petition for Protective Order on October 17, 2008. OCA had an objection, and Constellation had a comment. The Protective Order was issued on October 22, 2008.

On October 15, 2008, Governor Edward Rendell signed House Bill No. 2200, which, among other things, establishes certain new requirements for the acquisition of electricity by electric distribution companies. Since this legislation was passed after the Company filed this Petition, some amendments to the Petition are necessary.

On October 23, 2008, PennFuture filed a Petition to Withdraw, stating that compliance with the energy bill will address PennFuture’s concerns. In accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.94, withdrawal without objection was permitted by Order dated November 13, 2008.
On October 21, 2008, the Commission’s Office of Legislative Affairs forwarded two letters to me. The letters, from Senators Jeff Piccola (R, 15th District) and Lisa Boscola (D, 18th District), expressed support for public input hearings for this case. After discussions with both offices, one public input hearing was scheduled for January 8, 2009 in Senator Boscola’s district. PPL is directed to arrange for publication of advertisements in two newspapers of general circulation once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the public input hearing using the form of notice attached to this Order as Appendix A. Proof of publication shall be filed with the Secretary, copy to the presiding officer.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That PPL Electric Utilities Corporation shall cause to be published in two newspapers of general circulation in the 18th Legislative District once per week for two consecutive weeks, notice of the public input hearing to be held on January 8, 2009 in the case captioned Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of a Default Service Program and Procurement Plan at PUC Docket No. P-2008-2060309.

2. That the form of the notice to be published shall conform to the notice attached to this Order as Appendix A.

3. That PPL Electric Utilities Corporation shall file proof of publication with the Commission Secretary, copy to the presiding officer, within two weeks of publication.

Dated: December 8, 2008

Susan D. Colwell
Administrative Law Judge
Appendix A  
PUBLIC INPUT HEARING NOTICE

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL Electric") has filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission a Petition for Approval of a Default Service Program and Procurement Plan for the Period January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013 ("Petition"). The Petition seeks Commission approval of PPL Electric’s proposal to purchase electric generation supply in order to provide customers who do not choose a competitive supplier with “provider of last resort” generation electric service during the above-noted period. PPL Electric proposes to acquire this supply through the use of a set number of long-term and short-term contracts and spot market purchases. A copy of this filing is available for review by members of the public at the Company’s offices in Allentown at Two North Ninth Street on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

This is to inform you that Public Input Hearing on the Petition will be held as follows:

Date: January 8, 2009  
Time: 3:00 pm.  
Location: Northampton Community College  
Main Campus College Center, West Plaza  
Room 262-262-263  
Bethlehem PA 18020

Presiding: Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg PA 17105-3265  
Phone: 717-783-5452  
Fax: 717-787-0481

If you are a person with a disability, and you wish to attend the Public Input Hearing(s), we may be able to make arrangements for your special needs. Please call the scheduling office at the Public Utility Commission at least two (2) business days prior to your hearing:

- Scheduling Office: 717-787-1399  
- AT&T Relay Service number for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired: 1-800-654-5988
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