

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265**

**Petition of PPL Electric Utilities  
Corporation for Approval of a Rate  
Mitigation Plan**

**Public Meeting - July 23, 2009  
2091280-ALJ\*  
Docket No. P-2009-2091280**

**MOTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN TYRONE J. CHRISTY**

Before the Commission is a settlement pursuant to which PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) will establish a voluntary rate mitigation plan (RMP) that will allow residential and small commercial and industrial customers to defer a portion of the rate increase that they will experience after PPL's rate caps expire at the end of this year.

I support the establishment of the RMP, which provides PPL's customers with another tool to manage the higher costs for electricity that they will experience when rate caps expire. There is, however, an issue that was not addressed by the Parties to this proceeding that I believe warrants further consideration. I believe it is likely that uncollectible expenses may increase to some extent as a result of customers deferring current costs for future payment, particularly in these difficult economic times. I therefore believe that we should track uncollectible expenses associated with the costs that customers elect to defer under the RMP. If these expenses are significant, the Commission will be able to address the appropriateness of their recovery in a future proceeding and, if recovery is found to be appropriate, whether all customers should be required to pay for increased expense associated with deferred payments under the RMP.

I also note that the Settlement is silent regarding the issue of the incremental costs that PPL will incur for administration of the RMP. PPL should also carefully track these costs. Our approval of the instant Settlement should not be construed as approval of rate recovery for RMP administrative expenses.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT:**

1. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation file a report annually with the Commission, beginning April 1, 2011 for calendar year 2010, detailing, for the prior calendar year, the number of customers participating in the RMP by rate class, the amount of the deferred payments, the deferred amount that has been repaid, and the deferred amount that has not been repaid.
2. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation submit the bill insert and customer education materials related to the RMP to the Commission for approval prior to issuance to the public.
3. The Office of Special Assistants prepare an Opinion and Order consistent with this Motion.

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**TYRONE J. CHRISTY, VICE CHAIRMAN**