

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Re: Petition of PPL Electric
Utilities Corporation Filed
Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code
Chapter 57, Subchapter G,
for Approval of the Siting and
Construction of the Pennsylvania
Portion of the Proposed
Susquehanna-Roseland 500 kV
Transmission Line in Portions
of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe,
Pike and Wayne Counties, Pennsylvania**

**PUBLIC MEETING
January 14, 2010
2082652-OSA
Docket No. A-2009-2082652,
et al.**

MOTION OF COMMISSIONER KIM PIZZINGRILLI

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) is required to demonstrate the need of the proposed line in providing reliable electric service to the public. PJM Interconnection, LLC's 2008 Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP) identified multiple future reliability violations which this proposal is intended to resolve. An update to the 2008 RTEP in March 2009 reflected a reduction in the number of forecasted contingencies within the RTEP's fifteen year planning horizon due to various factors.

It has been argued that the 2008 RTEP and March 2009 "retool" are too outdated to serve as a basis to find that this transmission line is needed, and that present and future investments in demand side response and energy efficiency may further reduce the need for this project. The Administrative Law Judge has found that PPL has met its burden of proof and has demonstrated that the Pennsylvania portion of the proposed Susquehanna-Roseland 500 kV Transmission Line is necessary for the reliable provision of electricity to the public, and therefore, in the public interest.

Although I concur with the Administrative Law Judge that an additional retool study is not necessary at this time, PPL did acknowledge that a future RTEP or interim update by PJM may affect the construction schedule of this project:

Fourth, in any event, PJM performs annual (or more frequent) updates of the RTEP and should subsequent updates show that the in-service date for S-R Transmission Line can be deferred, it will be deferred. However, if any such deferral were to occur, it will simply allow some limited additional "breathing room" to allow for possible delays in the construction schedule and in-service date for the line.

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Main Brief, pg. 54.

If PJM were to find that construction could be significantly delayed for whatever reason, PPL should notify the Commission of this development. There would be a public benefit from a reasonable deferral of this project due to the delayed incurrence of costs and the associated impacts on the environment and property owners, provided that PJM has determined that such delay would not impact reliability.

Accordingly, within 30 days of the release of PJM's next update to the 2008 RTEP, or a new baseline RTEP report, PPL should file a report with this Commission at this docket regarding PJM's latest findings regarding the forecasted reliability contingencies this project is intended to address. PPL should identify whether it intends to defer its construction schedule, and if necessary, identify any needed revisions to the relief granted by the Commission in this proceeding.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT:

1. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation file a report with the Commission at this docket within 30 days of PJM's next update to the 2008 RTEP, or PJM's next baseline RTEP report, whichever is issued sooner.
2. The Office of Special Assistants prepare an Order consistent with this Motion.

January 14, 2010
Date

KIM PIZZINGRILLI, COMMISSIONER