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December 9, 2011

Rosemary Chiavetta Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor North P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Application Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Under 15 Pa. C.S. §1511(c) For A Finding And Determination That The Service To Be Furnished By The Applicant Through Its Proposed Exercise Of The Power Of Eminent Domain To Acquire A Right-Of-Way And Easement Over And Across The Lands Of The Property Owners For The Proposed Richfield-Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Tie Line In Portions of Snyder, Northumberland, and Juniata Counties, Pennsylvania Is Necessary Or Proper For The Service, Accommodation, Convenience Or Safety Of The Public

Docket Nos. A-2011-2267349, etc.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Prehearing Memorandum of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in the above-referenced proceeding. As indicated on the certificate of service, copies are being provided to the parties in the manner indicated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica R. Rogers

JRR/skr Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service

Honorable David A. Salapa Honorable Joel H. Cheskis

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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Date: December 9, 2011

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:
Under 15 Pa.C.S. §1511(c) For A Finding And	:
Determination That The Service To Be Furnished	:
By The Applicant Through Its Proposed Exercise	:
Of The Power Of Eminent Domain To Acquire A	:
Right-Of-Way And Easement Over And Across	:
The Lands Of The Property Owners Listed Below	:
For The Proposed Richfield-Dalmatia 69 kV	:
Transmission Tie Line In Portions Of Snyder,	:
Northumberland, and Juniata Counties,	:
Pennsylvania Is Necessary or Proper For The	:
Service, Accommodation, Convenience Or	:
Safety Of The Public:	:

Michael and Logan Wendt	:	A-2011-2267349
Randall Clark	:	A-2011-2267352
John and Evelyn Zeiders	:	A-2011-2267353
Roy and Cindy Maurer	:	A-2011-2267416
Ronald and Dianne Mace	:	A-2011-2267418
Shoop Family Trust	:	A-2011-2267426
Gary and Dorene Lahr	:	A-2011-2267429
Elija and Fay Lahr	:	A-2011-2267446
Marvin Hess and Leona Hess	:	A-2011-2267448

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES DAVID A. SALAPA AND JOEL H. CHESKIS:

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL Electric" or the "Company"), by and through its attorneys, hereby files this Prehearing Memorandum in the above-captioned matter, and states as follows:

I. <u>SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS</u>

1. PPL Electric requests that all documents be served on:

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PPL Electric agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. Further, to the extent that materials are available electronically, it is requested that copies be served upon Paul E. Russell at perussell@pplweb.com, David B. MacGregor at dmacgregor@postschell.com, and John H. Isom at jisom@postschell.com.

2. PPL Electric's attorneys are authorized to accept service on behalf of the Company in this proceeding. PPL Electric requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") and all parties of record serve copies of all discovery requests and answers, correspondence, Commission Orders, and any other documents issued in this proceeding on its attorneys in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 3. On October 11, 2011, PPL Electric filed the above-captioned Condemnation Applications at the above referenced dockets.
- 4. Concurrent with the above referenced Condemnation Applications, PPL Electric also filed the "Application Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Under 15 Pa.C.S. §1511(c) For A Finding And Determination That The Service To Be Furnished By The Applicant Through Its Proposed Exercise Of The Power Of Eminent Domain To Acquire A Right-Of-Way And Easement Over And Across The Lands Of Michael Schwalm In Lower Mahanoy Township,

Northumberland County, Pennsylvania For The Proposed Richfield-Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Tie Line and Meiserville 69-12 kV Substation Is Necessary Or Proper For The Service, Accommodation, Convenience Or Safety Of The Public," which was docketed at Docket No. A-2011-2267388 ("Schwalm Condemnation Application").

- 5. On October 25, 2011, the Commission's Secretary issued a Prehearing Notice in the above-captioned matter. The Initial Prehearing Conference is scheduled for December 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Judges David A. Salapa and Joel H. Cheskis (the "ALJs").
 - 6. On November 7, 2011, the ALJs issued a Prehearing Conference Order.
- 7. Prior to the Prehearing Conference, PPL Electric and Michael Schwalm executed an agreement by which Michael Schwalm conveyed to PPL Electric a right-of-way and easement over and across his land. As a result, PPL Electric filed a petition to withdraw the Schwalm Condemnation Application on November 30, 2011.
- 8. On December 5, 2011, a protest was filed at Docket No. A-2011-2267448 by Marvin and Leona Hess.
- 9. Filings were made with the Commission by Roy and Cindy Maurer, as well as Paul and Kathryn Reed, on November 23, 2011, by the Shoop Family Trust on November 30, 2011, and by Alvin Zeiders on behalf of John and Evelyn Zeiders on December 3, 2011. The Shoop Family Trust filing contained a request to reschedule the Prehearing Conference, which was denied by the ALJs on December 8, 2011.

III. SETTLEMENT

8. PPL Electric has been in ongoing negotiations with the property owners involved in the above-captioned Condemnation Applications. PPL Electric will continue to reach out to

the parties in an effort to reach an agreement. At this point, however, it appears unlikely that a settlement will be reached with all of the parties.

IV. DISCOVERY

- 10. To date, the Company has not received any discovery requests. PPL Electric is willing to engage in formal and informal discovery. The Company proposes that discovery be concluded a week before the due date for Rebuttal Testimony.
 - 11. The Company does not propose any special orders regarding discovery.

V. <u>LITIGATION SCHEDULE</u>

12. PPL Electric proposes the following schedule:

Filing by PPL Electric of Initial October 11, 2011

Testimony

Prehearing Conference December 13

Other Parties' Direct January 17

Rebuttal February 14

Surrebuttal March 6

Written Rejoinder March 16

Hearings March 19 and 20

Main Brief April 24

Reply Brief May 8

All dates are for in-hand delivery. Electronic mail for receipt and distribution of testimony and exhibits will satisfy in-hand service dates, with follow-up hard copies provided by first class mail.

VI. WITNESSES AND ISSUES

13. If this matter proceeds to hearings or if requested by the ALJs, PPL Electric will offer testimony from the following witnesses on the following subject matters:

Witnesses

Subjects

1.	Gopi Kedia	The planning process, the need for the Transmission
	Principal Engineer	Line and the benefits of the Project to PPL Electric's
	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	customers.
	Two North Ninth Street	
	Allentown, PA 18101	
2.	William Keller	The need for the Substation and the proposed
1	Supervising Engineer	distribution system.
	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	
	Two North Ninth Street	
	Allentown, PA 18101	
3.	Justin B. Wehr,	The selection of the route for the Transmission Line,
	Siting Coordinator	the properties to be condemned, and a history and
	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	status of the negotiations.
	Two North Ninth Street	
	Allentown, PA 18101	

14. PPL Electric reserves the right to present testimony on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

VII. ISSUES

- 15. <u>Issue 1:</u> Is the service to be furnished by PPL Electric through the proposed transmission line and related facilities necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public?
 - PPL Electric's Position: Yes, the proposed transmission line and related facilities are necessary and proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public. PPL Electric intends to demonstrate that its proposed exercise of the power of eminent domain to acquire rights-of-way and easements for the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Richfield Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Line over the lands identified in the Condemnation Applications is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public. The route of the proposed transmission line crosses the tracts of land identified in the Condemnation Applications. The service to be furnished by PPL Electric through the proposed and related facilities is necessary or proper to resolve violations of PPL Electric's Reliability Principles and Practices guidelines and

to ensure reliable long-term electric service to PPL Electric's customers in the surrounding communities. On these bases, PPL Electric will request that the ALJs and the Commission approve PPL Electric's proposed exercise of the power of eminent domain to acquire rights-of-way for the proposed Richfield – Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Line over the lands identified in the Condemnation Applications.

- 16. <u>Issue 2:</u> Is the proposed route selected by PPL Electric for the Richfield Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Line reasonable?
 - PPL Electric's Position: Yes, the proposed route selected for the Richfield –
 Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Line is reasonable. The proposed route for the
 project was selected after an extensive and detailed analysis, which included a
 comprehensive environmental inventory, identification and analysis of
 alternative routes, and selection of the preferred route. PPL Electric identified
 and compared route alternatives based upon a detailed analysis of societal
 concerns, environmental impacts, engineering considerations and cost. The
 preferred route for the Richfield Dalmatia 69 kV Transmission Line was
 selected over the alternative routes because it minimizes environmental
 impacts, social impacts and cost.

VIII. EVIDENCE TO BE PRESENTED

- 17. On the issue of necessity, PPL Electric will present the testimony of Gopi Kedia and William Keller.
- 18. On the issue of the reasonableness of the route, PPL Electric will present the testimony of Justin Wehr.
- 19. PPL Electric reserves the right to present testimony on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

IX. CONSOLIDATION

20. PPL Electric supports the consolidation of the above-captioned proceedings for the purposes of hearing and decision, as they involve common questions of law and fact, and the denial of any individual application would impact the rest of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

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