

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC 213 Market Street 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101 TEL 717 237 6000 FAX 717 237 6019 www.eckertseamans.com

Jeffrey J. Norton 717.237.7192 215.523.781 jnorton@eckertseamans.com

September 7, 2012

## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE:

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation For an Evidentiary Hearing on the Energy Efficiency Benchmarks Established for the Period June 1, 2013 through

May 31, 2016; Docket No. P-2012-2320369

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

In accordance with the August 29, 2012 Prehearing Conference Order, enclosed for electronic filing is Comverge, Inc.'s Prehearing Memorandum in the above-referenced matter. Copies have been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey J. Norton

JJN/jls Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service (w/enc)

#### 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).

## VIA EMAIL AND/OR FIRST CLASS MAIL

Johnnie E. Simms, Esq.
Charles D. Shields, Esq.
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement PA PUC
Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., West
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
Josimms@pa.gov
CShields@pa.gov

Shaun A. Sparks
Kriss Brown
PA PUC
Law Bureau
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
shsparks@pa.gov

Andrew S. Stubbs, Esq. Post & Schell, PC 17 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Fl. Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601 atubbs@postschell.com

David B. MacGregor, ESq. Post & Schell, PC Four Penn Center 1600 JFK Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19103-2808 dmacgregor@postschell.com Heather M. Langeland, Esq. PennFuture Suite 2770 425 Sixth Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15219 langeland@pennfuture.org

Paul E. Russell Associate General Counsel PPL Services Corporation Two North Ninth Street Allentown, PA 18106 perussell@pplweb.com

Harry S. Geller, Esquire Patrick M. Cicero, Esquire Pennsylvania Utility Law Project 118 Locust Street Harrisburg, PA 17101-1414 pulp@palegalaid.net

Zachary M. Fabish, Esquire Sierra Club 50 F. Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001 Zachary.fabish@sierraclub.org

Hon. Elizabeth Barnes Administrative Law Judge PA Public Utility Commission 400 North Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 ebarnes@pa.gov Joseph Otis Minott, Esquire Clean Air Council 135 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 Philadelphia, PA 19103 Joe\_minott@cleanair.org

Pamela C. Polacek, Esq.
Adeolu A. Bakare, Esq.
McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC
100 Pine Street
P.O. Box 116
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1166
ppolacek@mwn.com
abakare@mwn.com

James A. Mullins, Esquire Office of Consumer Advocate 555 Walnut Street Forum Place, 5th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923 jmullins@paoca.org

Date: September 7, 2012

{L0490910.2}

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**Petition of PPL Electric Utilities** 

Corporation for an Evidentiary Hearing on the Energy Efficiency Benchmarks

Established for the Period June 1, 2013

through May 31, 2016

Docket No. P-2012-2320369

PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF COMVERGE, INC.

Pursuant to Section 333 of the Public Utility code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 333, and in response to Prehearing Conference Order dated August 29, 2012 in this matter and, subject to the granting of the Petition to Intervene filed by Comverge, Inc. ("Comverge"), Comverge submits this Prehearing Memorandum.

## I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2012, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission") requested comments on its ongoing efforts to implement the requirements of Pennsylvania's Act 129 of 2008 (the Act of Act 129, effective November 12, 2008), 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 2806.1 and 2806.2. On March 16, 2012, the Commission conducted a stakeholder meeting to identify additional issues raised by its request for comments. On May 11, 2012, the Commission entered a Tentative Implementation Order seeking comments on proposed consumption reductions, guidelines for implementing Phase II of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Program, and released the Statewide Evaluator's (SWE) Market Potential Study. On June 5, 2012, the Commission held a stakeholder meeting to discuss the SWE, the baseline studies and the Market Potential Study. On August 3, 2012, the Commission entered its Implementation Order regarding the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program*. The

Commission established energy efficiency benchmarks for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016 ("Phase II period"). The Commission recognized the due process concerns raised by the parties and now provided the instant proceeding for interested parties. Comverge has filed an intervention in this proceeding and is awaiting Commission approval.

#### II. REPRESENTATION

Comverge's attorneys in this matter are:

Jeffrey J. Norton, Esquire
Carl R. Shultz, Esquire
Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC
213 Market St., 8th Floor
P.O. Box 1248
Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.237.6000
Fax 717.237.6019
jnorton@eckertseamans.com
cshultz@eckertseamans.com

#### III. PRESENTLY IDENTIFIED ISSUES

Comverge is a leading provider of Demand Response ("DR") products and services to various customers. Comverge has been an active Conservation Service Provider ("CSP") and provides complex energy management programs and related services to electric distribution companies ("EDCs"), residential and small business, large commercial and industrial customers throughout Pennsylvania, including PPL's service territory.

Comverge has identified the following issues that should be examined in this proceeding:

- Whether the consumer-focused load management programs will suffer harmful and disruptive breaks in service if the Act 129 Programs are not continued or are interrupted.
- Whether the continuation of load management programs will provide stability in reliability planning, capture significant benefits, and avoid waste.

• Whether the targets set for PPL will materially impact the energy efficiency and conservation programs, the load management product and service development and the allocation of funds for load management programs in the service territory.

#### IV. WITNESSES

At this time, Comverge is still evaluating whether or not to present testimony in this matter. Comverge reserves the right to present a witness as may be necessary depending on the course of the proceeding and will provide the Presiding Officer as well as the other parties in this matter reasonable notice if necessary. Comverge also reserves its right to add additional witnesses or change the identity of its witnesses at any time upon appropriate notice to the Presiding Officer and the parties.

### V. LITIGATION SCHEDULE AND DISCOVERY RULES

Comverge is amenable to working with the other parties in this matter to adopt a reasonable litigation schedule and/or necessary modifications to the Commission's discovery rules.

## VI. SETTLEMENT

Date: September 7, 2012

Comverge is willing to participate in settlement discussions with any party to narrow the issues in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Norton, Esquire

Attorney ID 39241 Carl R. Shultz, Esquire

Attorney ID 70328

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC

213 Market St., 8th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phn 717.237.6000

Fax 717.237.6019

Attorneys for Comverge, Inc.