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**Re: Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of Transmission Lines Associated with the Northeast-Pocono Reliability Project in Portions of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Monroe, and Wayne Counties, Pennsylvania Docket Nos. A-2012-2340872, et al.**

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Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Petition for Leave to Withdraw the Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to Exercise the Power of Eminent Domain to Acquire an Easement and Right-of-Way Across the Property of Blue Ridge Estate Company in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Honorable David A. Salapa  
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**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW THE  
APPLICATION OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION  
TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE AN  
EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF WAY ACROSS THE PROPERTY OF  
BLUE RIDGE REAL ESTATE COMPANY**

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**TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DAVID A. SALAPA:**

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL Electric”) hereby petitions for leave to withdraw and terminate the Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to Exercise the Power of Eminent Domain to Acquire an Easement and Right-of-Way Across the Property of Blue Ridge Real Estate Company (“Blue Ridge”), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code 5.94(a). In support thereof, PPL Electric states:

1. PPL Electric is a public utility and electric distribution company subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. PPL Electric furnishes electric distribution, transmission, and supplier of last resort services to approximately 1.4 million customers in a service area that includes approximately 10,000 square miles covering all or portions of twenty-nine counties in eastern and central Pennsylvania. PPL Electric’s principal offices are located at Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1179.

2. On December 28, 2012, PPL Electric filed the “Application of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of Transmission Lines Associated with the Northeast-Pocono Reliability Project in Portions of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Monroe, and Wayne Counties, Pennsylvania” (“Siting Application”), which was docketed at Docket No. A-2012-2340872.



3. Also on December 28, 2012, PPL Electric 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 Right-of-Way And Easement Over A Certain Portion Of The Lands Of Blue Ridge Real Estate Company In Buck Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania For Siting And Construction Of Transmission Lines Associated With The Proposed Northeast-Pocono Reliability Project Is Necessary Or Proper For The Service, Accommodation, Convenience Or Safety Of The Public,” which was docketed at Docket No. A-2013-2341277 (“Blue Ridge Application”). The parcels that were the subject of the Blue Ridge Application are Parcel Nos. 35 and 38, as set forth in the Siting Application, Attachment 4 Figures, Map Extent 3.

4. On January 8, 2013, the Honorable Administrative Law Judge David A. Salapa issued a Prehearing Order No. 1 that, *inter alia*, advised parties that they must file a protest or a petition to intervene by February 27, 2013, in order to participate in this matter.

5. On January 25, 2013, PPL Electric filed a motion to consolidate the Blue Ridge Application with the above-captioned matters.

6. On January 29, 2013, Administrative Law Judge David A. Salapa issued Prehearing Order No. 2 that, *inter alia*, consolidated the Blue Ridge Application with the above-captioned matters.

7. On February 22, 2013, Blue Ridge filed a Petition to Intervene, which was granted by Prehearing Order No. Prehearing Order No. 3.

8. On July 31, 2013, Parcel 35 was conveyed to from Blue Ridge to Wildlands Conservancy, Inc. Ultimately, Parcel 35 will be conveyed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (“PGC”). As a result, PGC will be the owner of Parcel 35.

9. PPL Electric and the PGC have reached an agreement for the route across Parcel 35. The route across Parcel 35, as modified by PPL Electric Stmt. No. 1-RJ-2 and PPL Electric Exhibit DLH-8, is acceptable to the PGC. The alignment is within the 500-foot corridor under 52 Pa. Code § 57.76(b) and, therefore, no amendment to the filing is required.

10. On June 24, 2013, Parcel 38 was conveyed from Blue Ridge to Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc. Ultimately, Parcel 38 will be conveyed to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Lackawanna State Forrest (“LSF”). As a result, LSF will be the owner of Parcel 38.

11. PPL Electric and the LSF have reached an agreement on the route across Parcel 38. The route across Parcel 38, as modified by PPL Electric Stmt. No. 1-R-2 and PPL Electric Exhibit DLH-5, is acceptable to the LSF. The alignment is within the 500-foot corridor under 52 Pa. Code § 57.76(b) and, therefore, no amendment to the filing is required.

12. The above-mentioned acquisitions of Parcels 35 and 38, and the agreements reached with the PGC and the LSF render the Blue Ridge Application moot.


13. Therefore, pursuant to Sections 1.82 and 5.94(c) of the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 52 Pa. Code § 5.94(a), PPL Electric seeks to withdraw and terminate the Blue Ridge Application in its entirety.

14. Counsel for PPL Electric has contacted counsel for Blue Ridge and is authorized to represent that Blue Ridge has no objection to the withdrawal and termination of the Blue Ridge Application in its entirety.

WHEREFORE, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation respectfully requests that Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission permit PPL Electric to withdraw the Blue Ridge Application and terminate the proceeding docketed at Docket No. A-2013-2341277.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **PROPOSED ORDER**

On August 16, 2013, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL”) filed a Petition to Withdraw the Eminent Domain Application at Docket No. A-2013-2341277 regarding the property owned by Blue Ridge Real Estate Company (“Blue Ridge”). The Petition stated that Blue Ridge conveyed the subject properties to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Lackawanna State Forrest, and that the Eminent Domain Application was no longer necessary.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure permit the withdrawal of a pleading in a contested matter, after considering any objections. 52 Pa. Code § 5.94(a). In its Petition, PPL Electric stated that it was authorized by Blue Ridge to represent that Blue Ridge had no objection to the withdrawal and termination of the Eminent Domain Application. As of the date of this order, no party has filed any document opposing PPL Electric’s Petition to Withdraw the Blue Ridge Eminent Domain Application. The Petition will therefore be granted.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to withdraw its application regarding the property of Blue Ridge Real Estate Company at A-2013-2341277, being unopposed, is granted and the application shall be terminated.

2. The application at A-2013-2341277 shall be removed from the caption of this proceeding and Blue Ridge Real Estate Company shall be removed from the service list of this proceeding.

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Date

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David A. Salapa  
Administrative Law Judge