**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :

for Approval of Its Smart Meter Technology : M-2014-2430781

Procurement and Installation Plan :

**PREHEARING ORDER**

**First prehearing order**

If you are receiving this Order, it is because you have been identified as a person who may have an interest in the proceedings filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) listed in the caption, above. There is no requirement that you participate; however, if you do not, then the case will proceed and be decided without your input.

 On June 30, 2014, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company) filed its Petition for approval of its smart meter technology procurement and installation plan. Notice of the filing is slated for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on July 19, 2014, with a deadline set for intervention or protest of August 11, 2014.

 The prehearing conference in this case is scheduled for **Monday, August 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm in Hearing Room 4** of the Commonwealth Keystone Building. On or before

August 11, 2014, any entity wishing to become a party to this proceeding must file either a Petition to Intervene or a Protest. At the Prehearing Conference, each Petition to Intervene will be considered, and at the end of the Prehearing Conference, a parties list will be established. Only parties will be served with notices after that date. If you do not file either a Protest or a Petition to Intervene, you will be dropped from the service list.

 THEREFORE,

 IT IS ORDERED:

 1. That a prehearing conference is scheduled for **Monday, August 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm. in Hearing Room 4 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg PA 17120.** Unless you are the Applicant, you must file a timely protest or a petition to intervene in order to participate in the prehearing conference.

2. Consistent with the publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin,* the protests or petitions for intervention shall be filed on or before August 11, 2014, and a copy must be served upon the presiding officer and the Company.

 4. A protest shall be in the form set forth in the Commission regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.51-53, and must set forth the grounds for the protest. A copy of your protest must be served on the Company and the presiding officer in addition to filing.

 5. A petition to intervene must conform to the requirements in 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71-76, and shall state briefly the interest of the intervenor and the objections to be raised, if any. 52 Pa. Code § 5.75(c). A copy must be served upon the presiding officer and the Company.

 6. Please review the regulation pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code § 5.222. Please be prepared to discuss possibilities for settlement, scheduling, the amount of hearing time necessary, and electronic service among parties. In addition, please note subsection (d), which provides, in part:

(d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for a useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. 52 Pa. Code § 5.222.

 7. If you are an individual, you may either represent yourself or have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you. **However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you in this proceeding.**  Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall comply with the Commission’s appearance requirements. 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

 8. A copy of any document filed with the Secretary or submitted shall be sent directly to the presiding officer. Service upon the presiding officer shall be by hard copy to the following address: Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell, Office of Administrative Law Judge, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265, and by electronic means to scolwell@pa.gov.

 9. Please review the regulations regarding discovery, particularly 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b) advising that parties shall initiate discovery as early as possible.

 10. Please be prepared to schedule the case at the prehearing conference. If there is no agreement upon an acceptable schedule, the following will be imposed:

 Testimony of parties October 1, 2014

 Other than the Company

 Rebuttal testimony November 14, 2014

 Surrebuttal testimony December 1, 2014

 Evidentiary hearings December 15, 2014

 Initial briefs January 12, 2015

 Reply briefs February 2, 2015

 11. Each party, intervenor or protestant shall file a prehearing memorandum on or before **August 8, 2014,** which will state:

 a. identification of issues of interest to that party.

 b. identification of witnesses and proposed area of testimony.

 c. a procedural schedule proposal.

 d. requests to modify discovery rules.

 e. any other procedural matter pertinent to the case.

 12. A scheduling and briefing order shall be issued following the prehearing conference. Parties will be required to follow a common outline for initial briefs, and parties are encouraged to work together to develop it.

Dated: July 8, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Susan D. Colwell

 Administrative Law Judge

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