**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 :

**BRIEFING ORDER**

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. Accompanying the petition is a Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan (SMP) and the direct testimony of six witnesses, PPL Electric Statements 1 through 6.

Notice of the filing was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on July 19, 2014, with an August 11, 2014 deadline set for intervention or protests, and notice of a prehearing conference on August 11, 2014.

On July 8, 2014, I issued a prehearing order which directed those entities wishing to participate to follow Commission regulations regarding protests and interventions, and directed the filing of prehearing memorandum on or before August 11, 2014.

On July 21, 2014, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed its Notice of Intervention, Public Statement and Answer.

On August 6, 2014, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed its Notice of Intervention, Public Statement and Notice of Appearance.

On August 7, 2014, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1600 (IBEW), filed a Petition to Intervene.

On August 8, 2014, the Coalition for Affordable Utility Service and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA), and the PP&L Industrial Customer Alliance (PPLICA) each filed a Petition to Intervene, with PPLICA also filing a protest.

PPL Electric, OCA, OSBA, IBEW, CAUSE-PA, and PPLICA each filed a timely prehearing memorandum. The prehearing conference was held as scheduled, with the following attending: on behalf of PPL Electric, Paul E. Russell, Esq., and Anthony Kanagy, Esq.; on behalf of OCA, Christy Appleby, Esq.; on behalf of OSBA, Steven C. Gray, Esq.; on behalf of IBEW, Scott J. Rubin, Esq.; on behalf of CAUSE-PA, Elizabeth Marx, Esq., and on behalf of PPLICA, Adeolu Bakare, Esq.

The second prehearing order, the Scheduling Order issued August 11, 2014, granted the interventions as unopposed and set the litigation schedule. Discovery modifications proposed by OCA were also adopted by the Scheduling Order.

By email sent October 29, 2014, the Company indicated that, pursuant to the schedule adopted in the above-referenced proceeding, PPL Electric held a settlement conference with available parties on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 in compliance with the Scheduling Order.

On November 4, 2014, the Company filed a Motion for Protective Order, averring the proper justification for its grant and indicating that it was unopposed by any other party. Accordingly, it was granted by Order issued November 5, 2014.

The parties pre-served testimony according to the litigation schedule. On December 9, 2014, the Company sent me a cross-examination matrix and a proposed common outline for the briefs. No party objected to it, and therefore, all parties are directed to follow it. While there is no requirement that each numbered subject be discussed, the same topic in each brief should appear at the same number. Additional issues properly raised in this proceeding but not appearing on the common outline may also be included.

The evidentiary hearing was held as scheduled on December 16, 2014, and the briefs will be filed according to the schedule appearing in the Scheduling Order.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the initial briefs of the parties are due on or before January 12, 2015.

2. That the reply briefs are due on or before February 2, 2015.

3. That the briefs must substantially comply with the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.501, 5.502.

4. That all briefs must follow the outline at Appendix A and number or designate the corresponding discussion sections according to it.

Dated: December 19, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Susan D. Colwell

Administrative Law Judge

**ATTACHMENT A**

***Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of***

***Its Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan***

**Docket No. M-2014-2430781**

**COMMON BRIEF OUTLINE**

# introduction

# procedural history

# statement of the questions involved

# burden of proof

# summary of argument

# argument

## Compliance with Act 129 and the Implementation Order

## Technology Issues – RF Mesh Versus PLC

## Meter Failures

## Implementation Timeline

## Cost Savings/Quantification of Benefits

## Smart Meter Charge Issues

### Calculation of the Smart Meter Charge

### Proposed Modifications to the Small C&I Smart Meter Charge

## Communications Strategy

## Cybersecurity Issues

## Data Privacy Issues

## Remote Disconnect, Service Limiting and Pre-Pay Metering Issues

## Miscellaneous Issues

# conclusion

APPENDIX A Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Ordering Paragraphs

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