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March 20, 2015

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Second Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Joe and Danielle Steffe v. PECO Energy Company

PUC Docket No.: C-2015-2472173

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is **PECO Energy Company's Preliminary Objections to the Formal Complaint** with regard to the matter referenced above.

I have enclosed a Certificate of Service showing that a copy of the above document was served on the interested parties. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Shawane Lee

Counsel for PECO Energy Company

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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NOTICE TO PLEAD

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.101 and 5.62(c), you are hereby notified that, if you do not file a written response denying or correcting the enclosed Preliminary Objections of PECO Energy Company within 20 days from service of this notice, a decision may be rendered against you. All pleadings, such as a Reply to Preliminary Objections, must be filed with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, with a copy served to counsel for PECO Energy Company, Shawane L. Lee, and where applicable, the Administrative Law Judge presiding over the issue.

File with:

Rosemarie Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Second Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

With a copy to: Shawane L. Lee, Esq. PECO Energy Company 2301 Market Street, S-23 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dated at Philadelphia, PA, March 20, 2015

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PRELIMINARY OBJECTION OF RESPONDENT, PECO ENERGY COMPANY

Respondent, PECO Energy Company ("PECO Energy"), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(4) respectfully petitions this Honorable Commission to dismiss the instant Complaint as legally insufficient.

- 1. On March 17, 2015, PECO Energy was served with a formal complaint filed by Joseph and Danielle Steffe (hereafter "Complainants"). A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "1".
 - 2. In their Complaint, the Complainants allege the following:

The "Smart Meter" is causing an exacerbation of my child's medical problems. She is having problems sleeping, focusing and regulating since the meter installation. This is effecting her life in a negative way.

See Exhibit "1".

3. In their request for relief, the Complainants state:

<u>I would like the meter to be removed and am willing to pay extra per month for the inconvenience.</u>

See Exhibit "1".

- 4. In essence, the Complainants are requesting to "opt out" of smart meter installation at their home because of health concerns for their daughter.
- 5. PECO Energy simultaneously filed an Answer and the instant Preliminary Objection.
- 6. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101, preliminary objections may be filed against a complaint and dismissed for legal insufficiency. 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(4).
- 7. Commission procedure regarding the disposition of preliminary objections is similar to that utilized in Pennsylvania civil procedure. <u>Equitable Small Transportation</u>

 <u>Intervenors. v. Equitable Gas Co.</u>, 1994 Pa.PUC LEXIS 69, Docket No. C-00935435 (July 18, 1994).
- 8. In deciding preliminary objections, the Public Utility Commission must determine, based on the factual pleadings of the petitioner, if relief or recovery is possible.

 Roc v. Flaherty, 527 A.2d 211 (Pa. Cmwlth 1985).
- 9. A complaint must be able to recover under the law to survive a preliminary objection. Milliner v. Enck, 709 A.2d 417, 418 (Pa. Super. Ct. 1998) ("preliminary objection should be sustained only where it appears with certainty that, upon the facts averred, the law will not allow the plaintiff to recover").
- 10. All of the non-moving party's averments must be taken as true for the sake of deciding the preliminary objection. <u>County of Allegheny v. Commw. of Pa.</u>, 490 A.2d 402 (Pa. 1985).
- 11. The court does not, however, need to accept, "unwarranted inferences from facts, argumentative allegations, or expressions of opinions." Feingold v. McNulty, 2009 Phila. Ct. Com. Pl LEXIS 167, *3.

- 12. Section 703 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S.A. § 703(b) provides that the Commission may dismiss any complaint without a hearing if, in its opinion, a hearing is not necessary to the public interest.
- 13. A hearing is required only when there is a disputed question of fact, and is not required to resolve questions of law. <u>Dee-Dee Cab, Inc. v. Pa.Pub. Util. Comm'n</u>, 817 A.2nd 593 (Pa.Commw. Ct. 2003), petition for allowance of appeal denied, 836 A.2d 123 (Pa. 2003).
- 14. Here, there are no genuine issues of fact and PECO Energy is entitled to judgment as a matter of law with respect to all of the allegations in the Complaint.

I. <u>Legal Insufficiency – Prior Commission Approval of Smart Meter Installation</u>

15. The Complainants have requested that they be permitted to "opt out" of the smart meter installation at their residence because of health concerns. PECO Energy's Smart Meter installation plan was approved by the Pennsylvania Utility Commission on May 6, 2010, as a part of the Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan, ("Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan") at docket number M-2009-2123944.

16. By way of background, Governor Edward Rendell signed Act 129 of 2008 into law on October 15, 2008. The Act took effect 30 days thereafter on November 14, 2008, and amended Section 2807 of the Public Utility Code. Among other things, the Act specifically directed that electric distribution companies (such as PECO Energy) with more than 100,000 customers file smart meter technology procurement and installation plans with the Commission for approval. See 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(f). The statute does not provide customers with an option to "opt out" of smart meter installation.

17. On June 18, 2009, the Commission adopted a Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Implementation Order ("Implementation Order") to establish the standards each plan must meet and to provide guidance on the procedures to be followed for submittal, review and approval of all aspects of each smart meter plan. See Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Implementation Order, entered on June 24, 2009, at Docket No. M-2009-2092655.

18. Specifically, the Commission's Implementation Order states:

Act 129 requires EDCs to furnish smart meter technology (1) upon request from a customer that agrees to pay the cost of the smart meter at the time of the request, (2) in new building construction, and (3) in accordance with a depreciation schedule not to exceed 15 years. 66 Pa.C.S. § 2807(f)(2).

The Commission believes that it was the intent of the General Assembly to require all covered EDCs to deploy smart meters system-wide when it included a requirement for smart meter deployment "in accordance with a depreciation schedule not to exceed 15 years."

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That the Commission establishes specific smart meter technology minimum capabilities and procedures for submittal, review and approval of all aspects of each smart meter plan to include cost recovery.
- 2. That electric distribution companies with greater than 100,000 customers adhere to the guidelines for smart meter technology procurement and installation identified in this Implementation Order.
- 3. That the Director of Operations convene a stakeholder meeting no later than July 17, 2009, to discuss issues related to the costs and benefits associated with the Commission imposed smart meter capability requirements.
- 4. That all electric distribution companies that are required to file a smart meter technology procurement and installation plan file such a plan consistent with the directives contained in this order by August 14, 2009.

See id.

- 19. The Commission's Order does not have a provision for customers to "opt out" of the smart meter installation.
- 20. Through its Implementation Order and policies, the Commission has approved the smart meter implementation process required by Act 129.
 - 21. Indeed, Pennsylvania PUC Chairman, Robert F. Powelson stated:

Act 129 of 2008 has really paved the way for the rollout of smart meters, also referred to as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), and the implementation of Act 129 continues to benefit Pennsylvania customers. As I see it, smart meter technology is a "win-win" situation for the Commonwealth – both electricity customers and electricity providers alike reap the benefits of advanced meters.

- <u>See</u> PaPUC Chairman Powelson on Smart Meters and Pennsylvania's Energy Future at http://www.smartgridlegalnews.com/interviews/papuc-chairman-powelson-on-smart-meters-and-pennsylvanias-energy-future/
 - 22. On August 14, 2009, PECO Energy filed with the Commission its Petition of PECO Energy Company for Approval of its Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan.
 - 23. Amongst other things, PECO Energy's Petition requested that the Commission approve the deployment of up to 600,000 smart meters. See PECO Energy's Smart Meter/Smart Grid Petition.
 - 24. As a part of PECO Energy's meter deployment plan, the company committed to deploy 600,000 meters by March 2013, upon receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the Department of Energy. See id.
- 25. PECO Energy's Implementation plan does not give customers the option to "opt out" of smart meter installation.
- 26. By Order entered May 6, 2010 at Docket No. M-2009-2123944, the Commission approved PECO Energy's Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan.
- 27. The Commission's Order approving PECO Energy's plan does not provide an "opt out" provision.
- 28. In conjunction with the Commission's Implementation Order; the Commission-approved Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan and continuing compliance with Act 129, PECO Energy has deployed over 194,000 Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") meters in customer's homes and businesses.
- 29. Act 129, the Commission's Implementation Order; and PECO Energy's Commission-approved Smart Meter/Grid Plan do not provide customers the ability to "opt out" of having a smart meter installed in their homes or businesses. See 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(f). See

also Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Implementation Order, at Docket No. M-2009-2092655. See PECO Energy's Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan at docket number M-2009-2123944.

- 30. The absence of an "opt out" provision in the existing statute; Implementation Order; and Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan is underscored by a recent bill introduced at the General Assembly.
- 31. House Bill 2188, which was introduced on February 8, 2012, seeks to change the existing law by adding a "opt out" provision. Specifically, House Bill 2188 reads as follows:

Section 2807(f) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a clause to read:

§ 2807. Duties of electric distribution companies.

* * *

- (2) Electric distribution companies shall furnish smart meter technology as follows:
 - (iii) In accordance with a depreciation schedule not to exceed 15 years.
- (iv) <u>Customers may request to opt out of receiving smart meter technology under subparagraph</u> (iii) by notifying, in writing, the electric distribution company. Meters for customers who opt out will be replaced according to a useful life depreciation schedule.
- 32. House Bill 2188 attempts to address individual customer concerns about the smart meter (such as the Complainants' concerns) by allowing individual customers to "opt out" of receiving smart meter technology on the mandatory schedule established by Act 129.
- 33. The "opt out" provision; however, has not been scheduled for a vote by the General Assembly, and the ability to opt out of smart meter installation is not currently permissible under the law.
- 34. Accordingly, the Complainants' formal complaint, requesting the ability to "opt out" of smart meter installation should be dismissed as a matter of law.

- 35. Administrative Law Judge Joel H. Cheskis reached a similar conclusion in the matter Maria Povacz v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2317176 (Order entered September 28, 2012). In that case, the Complainant, Maria Povacz requested to "opt out" of installation of the smart meter at her residence. Id.
 - 36. ALJ Cheskis issued an Initial Decision wherein he determined:

To the extent that Ms. Povacz desires the ability to opt out of the smart meter installation, she should advocate for such ability before the General Assembly.....The formal Complaint process against one Electric Distribution Company, PECO, is not the appropriate avenue for this issue to be addressed.

<u>Id</u>.

37. On January 24, 2013, the Commission issued a Final Order, adopting ALJ Cheskis' Initial Decision. In the Order, the Commission specifically addressed whether a PECO customer could "opt out" of meter installation at their property as follows:

There is no provision in the Code, the Commission's Regulations or Orders that allows a PECO customer to "opt out" of smart meter installation, as the Complainant desires to do. Accordingly, unless and until House Bill 2188, supra, passes the General Assembly, or some other provision is put in place that specifically allows customers to opt out of smart meter installation, PECO has not violated any provision of the Code, any Commission Order or Regulation or any Commission-approved Company tariff by prohibiting the Complainant from opting out.

See Maria Povacz v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2317176 (Order adopted January 24, 2013).

38. The PUC precedent for formal complaints filed against PECO Energy in similar cases, requesting smart meter "opt out" have been dismissed on Preliminary Objection as a matter of law. See e.g. Theresa Gavin v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2325258 (Order entered January 24, 2013); Jeff Morgan v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2013-2356606 (Final Order entered July 23, 2013); Thomas McCarey v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2013-

- 2354862 (Final Order entered September 26, 2013); Renney Thomas v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2336225 (Final Order entered December 31, 2013); Ellen Donnelly v. PECO Energy, Docket No. F-2013-2330663 (Final Order Entered March 18, 2014).
- 39. Like the formal complaints filed in the Maria Povacz, Theresa Gavin and Jeff Morgan, Thomas McCarey, Renney Thomas, and Ellen Donnelly matters, objecting to the installation of the smart meter and requesting an "opt out", this case should be dismissed as a matter of law.
- 40. The Complainants' formal complaint alleges that they do not want the meter because of health concerns.
- 41. Assuming that everything the Complainants allege in their Complaint is true, PECO Energy is operating under the basis of Act 129 and the specific direction given to the company by the legislature and the Commission through the Commission's Implementation Order.
- 42. The Complainants' Complaint, objecting to the smart meter at their residence, does not allege a violation of any order, law or tariff that can be the basis of any finding against PECO Energy.
- 43. Further, as the law currently stands, pursuant to Act 129 and the Commission's Implementation Order, customers do not have the ability to "opt out" of smart meter installation.
- 44. Because PECO Energy's smart meters are being deployed in compliance with the Commission-approved Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan, and the law does not provide for the Complainants to "opt out" of smart meter installation, there is no legal basis for the Complainants' Complaint.
 - 45. Therefore, the Complainants are not entitled to relief under the law.

46. For the reasons set forth above, the Complainants' Complaint should be dismissed as a matter of law.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, PECO Energy Company respectfully requests that your Honorable Commission summarily dismiss the Complainants' formal complaint, and all issues which were raised in the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Shawane L. Lee, hereby declare that I am counsel for PECO Energy Company; that as such I am authorized to make this verification on its behalf; that the facts set forth in the foregoing Pleading are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I make this verification subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 pertaining to false statements to authorities.

Date: March 20, 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shawane L. Lee, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of PECO Energy Company's Answer in the above matter upon all interested parties by mailing a copy, properly addressed and postage prepaid to:

Joe and Danielle Steffe 3718 Power Horn Drive Furlong, PA 18925

March 20, 2015

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RE: Joe and Danielle Steffe v. PECO Energy Company

PUC Docket No.: C-2015-2472173

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Steffe:

Enclosed is a copy of PECO Energy Company's response to the formal complaint filed in the above-referenced docket. The law requires PECO Energy to file an answer to your Public Utility Commission complaint. Keep these papers for your records. This is not a decision on your complaint. PECO's response may include a New Matter, Motion or Preliminary Objection. Please note that if you do not respond to a New Matter, Motion, or Preliminary Objection an unfavorable decision may be rendered against you. Responses to New Matters and Motions must be filed within 20 days. Responses to Preliminary Objections must be filed within 10 days. If there is no New Matter, Motion or Preliminary Objection included, no response is required.

Soon, the Public Utility Commission will schedule either a settlement conference or a hearing on your complaint. The Commission will let you know by mail whether there will be a conference or a hearing and will include instructions on what to do next. If the matter is set for hearing, the notice will provide you with information about the date, time and place of the hearing. If we are unable to resolve your complaint and have to proceed with a hearing, a judge will be at the hearing and will decide your complaint. You must call the Public Utility Commission if you have any questions about the hearing or if you cannot attend the hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Shawane Lee

Counsel for PECO Energy Company

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O'Neill, Leslie:(PECO)

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015 10:01 AM

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Dear Shawane L Lee,

A(n) Formal Complaint has been served in this proceeding. This document is docketed as C-2015-2472173. You may view this document at

Formal Complaint

You are receiving this email because you are a(n) **Respondent** for this case and have agreed to be served electronically. By selecting electronic service (eService), you have agreed that this notification constitutes valid service. Electronic service of any and all documents will be in place of paper service.

Thank You, Public Utility Commission Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



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Provide your name, mailing address, county, telephone number(s), e-mail address and utility

To complete this form, please type or print legibly in ink.

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Note: If your complaint is <u>only</u> about removing or modifying a municipal lien filed by the City of Philadelphia, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) cannot address it. Only local courts in Philadelphia County can address this type of complaint. The PUC can address a complaint about service or incorrect billing even if that amount is subject to a lien.

In addition, the PUC generally does not handle complaints about cell phone or Internet service, but may be able to resolve a dispute regarding voice communications over the Internet (including the inability to make voice 911/E911 emergency calls) or concerns about high-speed access to Internet service.

5. Requested Relief

How do you want your complaint to be resolved? Explain what you want the PUC to order the utility or company to do. Use additional paper if you need more space.

I WOULD LIKE THE METER TO BE REMOVED AND AM WILLING TO PAY EXTICA PER MONTH FOR THE INCONVIENIENCE

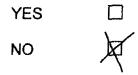
Note: The PUC can decide that a customer was not billed correctly and can order billing refunds. The PUC can also fine a utility or company for not following rules and can order a utility or company to correct a problem with your service. Under state law, the PUC cannot decide whether a utility or company should pay customers for loss or damages. Damage claims may be sought in an appropriate civil court.

6. Protection From Abuse (PFA)

Has a court granted a "Protection From Abuse" order that is currently in effect for your personal safety or welfare? The PUC needs this information to properly process your complaint so that your identity is not made public.

Note: You <u>must</u> answer this question if your complaint is against a natural gas distribution utility, an electric distribution utility or a water distribution utility AND your complaint is about a problem involving billing, a request to receive service, a security deposit request, termination of service or a request for a payment agreement.

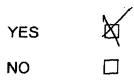
Has a court granted a "Protection From Abuse" order for your personal safety or welfare?



If your answer to the above question is "yes," attach a copy of the current Protection From Abuse order to this Formal Complaint form.

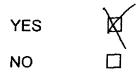
7. Prior Utility Contact

a. Is this an appeal from a decision of the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS)?



Note: If you answered yes, move to Section 8. No further contact with the utility or company is required. If you answered no, answer the question in Section 7 b. and answer the question in Section 7 c. if relevant.

b. If this is not an appeal from a BCS decision, have you spoken to a utility or company representative about this complaint?



Note: You <u>must</u> contact the utility first if (1) you are a residential customer, (2) your complaint is against a natural gas distribution utility, an electric distribution utility or a water utility AND (3) your complaint is about a billing problem, a service problem, a termination of service problem, or a request for a payment agreement.

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9. <u>Verification and Signature</u>

You must sign your complaint. Individuals filing a Formal Complaint must print or type their name on the line provided in the verification paragraph below and must sign and date this form in ink. If you do not sign the Formal Complaint, the PUC will not accept it.

Verification:

I DANIELE AND JOB STEE, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

(Signature of Complainant)

(Date)

Title of authorized employee or officer (only applicable to corporations, associations, partnerships, limited liability companies or political subdivisions)

Note: If the Complainant is a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company or political subdivision, the verification <u>must</u> be signed by an authorized officer or authorized employee. If the Formal Complaint is <u>not signed</u> by one of these individuals, the PUC <u>will not accept</u> it.

10. <u>Two Ways to File Your Formal Complaint</u>

<u>Electronically.</u> You must create an account on the PUC's eFiling system, which may be accessed at http://www.puc.pa.gov/efiling/default.aspx.

Note: If you are appealing your Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) decision, you must file your formal complaint by mail.

<u>Mail</u>. Mail the completed form with your original signature and any attachments, by certified mail, first class mail, or overnight delivery to this address:

Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Note: Formal Complaints sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

Keep a copy of your Formal Complaint for your records.

