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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re:

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of a Default Service Program and Procurement Plan for the Period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2021; Docket No. P-2016-2526627

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC is its Prehearing Memorandum in the above-referenced matter. Copies of the Prehearing Memorandum are being served upon the persons and in the manner set forth in the certificate of service attached to it.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, NIESEN & THOMAS, LLC

By

Charles E. Thomas, III

Enclosure

cc:

Certificate of Service (w/encl.)

Becky Merola (w/encl.)

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

for Approval of a Default Service Program

and Procurement Plan for the Period June 1,

2017 through May 31, 2021

Docket No. P-2016-2526627

# PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF NOBLE AMERICAS ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC

AND NOW, comes Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC ("Noble"), by its attorney, and submits this Prehearing Memorandum in accordance with the First Prehearing Order of Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell, dated February 6, 2016, and in connection with the initial Prehearing Conference scheduled to be held in the above-captioned matter on March 9, 2016.

### I. Introduction

On January 29, 2016, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL") filed a petition seeking Commission approval of its fourth Default Service Program and Procurement Plan ("DSP IV Program") to establish terms and conditions under which PPL will acquire and supply default service for a four-year period, from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2021.

Noble timely filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding on February 29, 2016. Noble incorporates by reference the statements and information provided in its Petition to Intervene and respectfully requests that Judge Colwell grant its intervention.

## II. Counsel for Noble; Service List

The name, business addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and email address of counsel for Noble are:

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Noble designates the above counsel for purposes of inclusion on the official service list. Noble

also requests that, in addition to the above counsel, Becky Merola, Government Affairs East for

Noble (bmerola@noblesolutions.com), be included on the informal email distribution list

established for this proceeding.

III. **Issues** 

Noble is in the process of identifying the issues it may pursue in this proceeding. Upon

completing its review of PPL's filing and direct testimony, Noble may support, oppose, or

propose modifications to PPL's proposed DSP IV Program. Noble reserves the right to present

its position in accordance with the litigation schedule which will be finalized at the Prehearing

Conference.

IV. Witnesses

Noble is in the process of identifying any potential witnesses it might call and the

intended subject matter. Noble agrees to notify Judge Colwell and the parties whether it will be

submitting direct testimony in this proceeding and reserves the right to submit rebuttal and

surrebuttal testimony as it deems appropriate. Noble will comply with all deadlines established

in the proceeding for the service of testimony.

V. **Proposed Procedural Schedule** 

Noble has reviewed the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 7 of Judge Colwell's

First Prehearing Order for the submission of testimony, hearings, and brief and accepts that

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schedule without modification. Should adjustments to that schedule be required, Noble agrees to

cooperate with Judge Colwell and the other parties at the Prehearing Conference to finalize an

acceptable schedule.

VI. <u>Discovery</u>

Noble will work with Judge Colwell and the other parties at the Prehearing Conference to

develop a proposed plan and schedule of discovery, as well as any reasonable and appropriate

modifications to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure for the conduct of discovery

as are necessary.

VII. Settlement

Noble will actively participate in settlement discussions as they may occur.

Respectfully submitted,

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DATED: March 4, 2016

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this 4th day of March, 2016, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Prehearing Memorandum of Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC, upon the upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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