

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION
Petition for Approval of Tariff Modifications
and Waivers of Regulations Necessary to
Implement its Distributed Energy Resource
Management Plan

Public Meeting of December 17, 2020
3010128-ALJ
Docket No. P-2019-3010128

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is the Recommended Decision approving the Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement) of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's (PPL or the Company) Distributed Energy Resource Management Plan.

In this proceeding, PPL and the active Parties propose the approval of various tariff modifications along with waivers of regulations enabling PPL the opportunity to implement a Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Management Plan. Under the Settlement, all new DERs interconnecting with the Company's distribution system must have smart inverters installed. Additionally, the Settlement permits PPL to conduct a pilot program to test and evaluate the effects that monitoring and actively communicating with smart inverters has on distribution system operations.

Expansions in technology and customer demands require utilities to modernize operations. I commend PPL for being in the vanguard of distributed energy advancement. Taking this next step in managing distributed energy has the potential to permit PPL to better control power quality, reliability, and safety throughout the grid while further fostering investment in resources such as rooftop solar and combined heat and power.



December 17, 2020
Date

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman