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December 23, 2020

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

Re:

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan Docket No. M-2020-3020824

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Aron J. Beatty
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Office of Administrative Law Judge (email only)

Certificate of Service

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy : Docket No. M-2020-3020824

Efficiency and Conservation Plan :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2020.

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# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :

for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy:

Docket No. M-2020-3020824

Efficiency and Conservation Plan

## NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71-5.74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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# PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to intervene and participate in the Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan (Petition).

On November 30, 2020, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric or Company) filed the Petition, pursuant to Section 2806.1 of the Public Utility Code and pursuant to the Implementation Order entered by the Commission at Docket No. M-2020-3015228 on June 18, 2020. The five-year cost of the Company's EE&C Phase IV Plan is projected to be \$307.5 million. PPL EE&C Plan at 17. The Company plans to achieve a total overall gross verified energy reduction of at least 1,250,157 MWh by May 31, 2026. PPL EE&C Plan at 6. With respect to residential customers, PPL Electric has proposed the following two residential customer energy efficiency programs: (1) Residential Program, and (2) Low-Income Program. PPL EE&C Plan at 30, 56.

The Acting Consumer Advocate determined to intervene in this proceeding to protect the interests of PPL Electric's customers; to ensure that the proposed Plan and programs are in accordance with Act 129 and all other applicable statutes, regulations, and Commission Orders; and to ensure that any increase in rates resulting from the adoption of the proposed programs and any related expenses are just and reasonable.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program, Docket No. M-2020-3015228 (Implementation Order Entered June 18, 2020) ("Implementation Order").