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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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RE: Petition of Pike County Light & Power for Approval of Its Default Service Plan and Waiver of Commission Regulations and *Nunc Pro Tunc* Treatment for the Period June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024; Docket No. P-2020-3022988; **PRE-SERVED TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept the following pre-served testimony and exhibits filed on behalf of Pike County Light & Power Company in the above-captioned matter:

1. PCLP Testimony Verifications of Russell Miller and Noel Chesser;
2. PCLP Statement No. 1 Public Version with Public Exhibits (Direct Testimony of Russell Miller);
3. PCLP Statement No. 1 **Highly Confidential Version** with **Highly Confidential** Exhibits (**Highly Confidential** Direct Testimony of Russell Miller)
4. PCLP Statement No. 1R (Rebuttal Testimony of Russell Miller);
5. PCLP Statement No. 2 with public exhibit (Direct Testimony of Noel Chesser); and,
6. **Highly Confidential** Exhibit of Noel Chesser (Exhibit NPC-2).

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Please note that the highly confidential portions of Testimony and/or Exhibits will be filed by electronic mail to Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryce R. Beard

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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Dated this 19th day of April, 2021

**PCLP Testimony
Verifications of**

Russell Miller

Noel Chesser

P-2020-3022988

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Pike County Light & Power for :
Approval of Its Default Service Plan and : P-2020-3022988
Waiver of Commission Regulations and :
Nunc Pro Tunc Treatment for the Period :
June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024 :

**PIKE COUNTY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY'S
TESTIMONY VERIFICATION OF
RUSSELL MILLER**

I, Russell Miller, hereby certify that I am the Vice President of Energy Supply & Business Development for Pike County Light and Power Company, and that, in such capacity, I provided testimony and exhibits as a witness in the above-captioned matter.

I hereby verify that I have provided the following written testimony and exhibits for admission into the record and that these documents were prepared by me and under my supervision:

- Direct Testimony of Russell Miller (PCLP Statement No. 1) in both Highly Confidential and Public format with exhibits RM-1 (Public), RM-2 (Highly Confidential), RM-3 (Highly Confidential), and RM-4 (Highly Confidential); and
- Rebuttal Testimony of Russell Miller (PCLP Statement No. 1R), with no exhibits.

I certify that the facts set forth in the testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; that if I were asked the questions contained therein today that my answers would remain the same. I understand that the statements made in my testimony are subject to the penalties at 18 Pa C.S. § 4909 related to the unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 2/19/21



Russell Miller
VP of Energy Supply & Business Development
Pike County Light and Power Company

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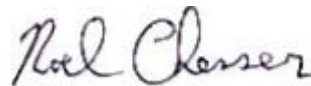
**PIKE COUNTY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY'S
TESTIMONY VERIFICATION OF
NOEL CHESSER**

I, Noel Chesser, hereby certify that I am employed by Enel X as the Principal Energy Advisor in the Global Supply Advisory Service Group and that, in such capacity, I have been retained by the Pike County Light and Power Company (“Pike”) as an expert witness in the above-captioned matter for the purposes of providing testimony and exhibits on Pike’s behalf.

I hereby verify that I have provided the following written testimony and exhibits for admission into the record and that these documents were prepared by me and under my supervision:

- Direct Testimony of Noel Chesser (PCLP Statement No. 2) in Public format with exhibits NPC-1 (Public) and NPC-2 (Highly Confidential).

I certify that the facts set forth in the testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; that if I were asked the questions contained therein today that my answers would remain the same. I understand that the statements made in my testimony are subject to the penalties at 18 Pa C.S. § 4909 related to the unsworn falsification to authorities.



Date: February 19, 2021

Noel Chesser
Enel X – Principal Energy Advisor

**Public Testimony of
Russell Miller**

**PCLP Statement No. 1 with
public exhibits**

PCLP Statement No. 1R

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Pike County Light & Power :
Company for Approval of Its Default Service :
Plan and Waiver of Commission Regulations : Docket No. P-2020-3022988
and *Nunc Pro Tunc* Treatment for the Period :
June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024

**PUBLIC VERSION
DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
RUSSELL MILLER,
VICE PRESIDENT OF ENERGY SUPPLY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
ON BEHALF OF
PIKE COUNTY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY**

Dated: December 24, 2020

1 **I. WITNESS BACKGROUND**

2 **Q. What is your name, position, and business address.**

3 A. Russell Miller, Vice President of Energy Supply & Business Development, Pike County
4 Light & Power Company (Pike). My business address is Corning Natural Gas Holding
5 Corporation, 330 West William St., Corning, NY 14830.

6 **Q. What are your responsibilities as the Vice President of Energy Supply & Business
7 Development at Pike?**

8 A. As Vice President of Energy Supply and Business Development, I am responsible for gas
9 & electric supply procurement, Pennsylvania Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards
10 compliance, Electric Generation Supply (EGS) interface, New York Independent System
11 Operator (NYISO) and PJM Generation Attribute System (PJM GATS) reporting.
12 Additional responsibilities include development of future alternate gas and electric supply
13 alternatives, franchise expansions and continued development of the Default Service Plan.
14 I also manage the Information Technology Department for Pike.

15 **Q. Please describe your educational and employment history.**

16 A. I have over 25 years of experience in the natural gas industry and strong management
17 experience. I began my career with the United States Navy, where I served as a Missile
18 Technician onboard a nuclear submarine. I have a B.S. in Telecommunications from
19 Empire State College and training in electrical and mechanical engineering from Rochester
20 Institute of Technology. From 1987 through 2004, I was employed by Corning Natural
21 Gas Corporation (“CNG”), where I began as a draftsman, transitioned to a gas supply
22 manager and then served as Vice President of operations. From 2004 through 2006, I was

1 employed as an industrial account manager for Sprague Energy Corp. located in
2 Portsmouth, New Hampshire. From 2006 until June 2008, I was employed by IBM, as
3 energy distribution manager where I managed a team of energy buyers. I rejoined CNG as
4 its director of gas supply and marketing in June 2008, and was appointed its Vice President
5 – gas supply and marketing in December 2009. I was appointed Vice President – energy
6 supply and business development of Corning Natural Gas Holding Company (CNGHC) in
7 April 2014. I have served as Managing Director of Leatherstocking Gas since November
8 2010. I also serve as a Vice President of Corning Natural Gas Appliance Corporation, and
9 as a director on the boards of Leatherstocking Gas and Leatherstocking Pipeline Company,
10 LLC and Pike County Light & Power.

11 **II. Purpose of Testimony**

12 **Q. Could you please summarize your testimony?**

13 A. The testimony I have developed describes Pike’s plan to continue to integrate a financial
14 hedge option for a portion of its electric supply portfolio. The financial hedge will be
15 utilized as a tool to dampen the price volatility that could affect Pike’s customers. Pike is
16 proposing a nearly identical financial hedging strategy to its prior DSP Plan, which was
17 the result of a settlement of all of the parties to Pike’s prior DSP case that the Commission
18 approved without modification.

19 **III. Pike Background**

20 **Q. Could you please generally describe Pike’s electric division?**

21 A. Pike is a jurisdictional electric distribution company (EDC) serving approximately 4,851
22 residential and commercial customers in Pike County, Pennsylvania. For calendar year

1 2019, the electric requirements of customers in the Company's service territory were
2 77,072 MWh, with a peak demand of approximately 17.5 MW. Pike provides transmission
3 and distribution services, and electric generation suppliers (EGS) provide generation
4 services to approximately 27 percent of Pike's customers. Pike is a wholly-owned
5 subsidiary of CNGHC and receives all of its electricity through two 34.5 kV radial circuits
6 that cross the Delaware River from Port Jervis, New York. Pike is distinctive among
7 Pennsylvania EDCs as it is part of the NYISO control area, not the PJM Interconnection,
8 LLC (PJM).

9 **Q. Is Pike unique compared to other Pennsylvania EDCs?**

10 A. Yes, Pike is unique compared to other Pennsylvania EDCs especially concerning
11 circumstances regarding its default supply because of its modest customer and load size as
12 described above, a history of a significant amount of its customer receiving generation
13 supply from electric generation suppliers (approximately 27%), and Pike's connection to
14 the NYISO instead of PJM. In addition, Pike is not at this time a Load Serving Entity
15 (LSE) in the NYISO. An LSE is an entity authorized by the NYISO to supply Energy,
16 Capacity and/or Ancillary Services to retail customers, including an entity that takes
17 service directly from the ISO to supply its own load. Pike would need to become a LSE
18 before it could fully participate in the NYISO market.

19 **Q. When did CNGHC acquire Pike?**

20 A. CNGHC acquired Pike in 2016 from Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) pursuant
21 to an August 11, 2016 Commission Order at Docket Nos. A-2015-2517036 *et al.*
22 (Acquisition Order). That Order approved a settlement between the parties, including the
23 Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate. The

1 Acquisition Order, *inter alia*, approved an Electric Supply Agreement (ESA) between Pike
2 and O&R and, as a term of the settlement, required Pike to conduct an alternative supply
3 study (Study), which was completed and submitted to the Commission, the OCA, and the
4 OSBA on February 28, 2018. The ESA is included as Exhibit RM-1 to my testimony and
5 relevant portions of the Study¹ are included as Exhibit RM-2 (Highly Confidential) to my
6 testimony. This is Pike's second default service plan proceeding under CNGHC's
7 ownership.

8 **Q. Could you please describe Pike's past default supply procurement?**

9 A. In the past and prior to its last DSP case, Pike, under O&R's ownership, determined that
10 the best default supply procurement strategy for Pike's default supply customers was to
11 procure supply solely from the spot market, without any longer-term contracts or financial
12 hedging strategy. Both the Commission and the Commonwealth Court approved this
13 strategy over the objections of the OCA, which had recommended either longer-term
14 contracts for some portion of Pike's supply or using a financial product for some degree of
15 hedging to protect default customers from the volatility of pricing in the NYISO spot
16 market.

17 **Q. What happened in Pike's last DSP proceeding?**

18 A. In its last DSP proceeding, Pike decided to propose a financial hedging strategy as part of
19 its default service procurement. The parties eventually reached a settlement that set out the
20 terms of a financial hedging strategy. The Commission approved the settlement without
21 modification.

¹ The Study also considered alternatives for gas supply, which contained Confidential Security Information. Those portions of the Study are not relevant here and are not included in the exhibit.

1 **IV. Pike's Proposed Default Supply Procurement Strategy**

2 **Q. In this proceeding, how does Pike propose to procure default supply?**

3 A. Pike proposes to continue to acquire electric supply through the NYISO spot market
4 pursuant to the terms of the Commission-approved ESA (Exhibit RM-1). Pike also
5 proposes to engage in a financial hedging strategy substantially similar to the strategy the
6 parties agreed to in the prior DSP proceeding and the Commission approved. The financial
7 hedging provides a degree of pricing stability for its default supply customers.

8 **Q. What are the terms of the ESA?**

9 A. The ESA, which the Commission approved as part of CNGHC's acquisition of PIKE,
10 allows Pike to procure electric supply from O&R. The ESA's initial term ended on August
11 31, 2019, with an option for three (3) one (1) year extensions upon 30 days written notice
12 to O&R. Pike renewed the ESA through 2022. The electric supply service charges under
13 the agreement are determined based on the following:

14 (i) Supply cost - based on Pike's load-based allocated portion of O&R's
15 monthly NYISO charges for energy, capacity and all other NYISO charges for the
16 applicable month subject to subsequent NYISO true-ups.

17 (ii) Carrying cost - to reflect O&R's cost of maintaining and operating the
18 physical infrastructure of O&R required to deliver electric supply to Pike. The
19 monthly charge is \$48,973 for the first year, and then escalates annually thereafter
20 at 5%.

21 (iii) Service Fee – monthly service fee of \$2,250 for the first year, and then
22 escalates annually thereafter at 5%.

1 **Q. What will Pike do when the current ESA expires?**

2 A. Pike is currently negotiating a new ESA with Orange & Rockland. Pike intends and
3 believes that it will execute a new ESA in mid-January 2021. As soon as the new ESA is
4 executed, Pike will update its testimony to provide the contract as an exhibit and explain
5 the terms so the Commission can approve it as part of this proceeding. Pike believes the
6 new contract will have substantially similar terms as the current ESA.

7 **Q. Why did Pike propose to change its past practice and implement financial hedging?**

8 A. The Acquisition Proceeding brought to light OCA's ongoing concern with price volatility
9 for residential customers. Pike's current management, after considering the Study results
10 and ongoing discussions with OCA and its consultant EnerNOC (subsequently renamed
11 Enel X), was persuaded that adding a financial hedge to promote pricing stability is best
12 for its default customers and meets the Commission's standards for default supply
13 procurement. The Study stated:

14 The volatility of day ahead market prices, even averaged to produce
15 a quarterly standard offer price, are not well suited for residential
16 and small commercial customer budgets who generally seek stable
17 prices.

18 These customer classes do not have the budget flexibility that larger
19 commercial and institutional organizations have.

20 **Q. What did the Study conclude in terms of alternatives?**

21 A. The Study examined various alternate supply options, but at this time the only viable option
22 for Pike is a financial hedge. The Study first considered whether it would be prudent for
23 Pike to interconnect with PJM given the historically lower prices in the PJM market. The
24 Study concluded this is not an economic option given the significant costs of
25 interconnection and the decreasing delta between PJM and NYISO prices. The Study then

1 examined how other Pennsylvania EDCs procure default supply, indicating that other
2 EDCs use laddered full requirements fixed rate contracts for a portion of their supply.
3 However, given that Pike is only interconnected to the NYISO through O&R, and is not
4 currently a load-serving entity on the NYISO, Pike cannot procure its own energy supply
5 contracts. As the Study suggested, Pike explored the potential of longer-term supply
6 contracts with O&R, but was unsuccessful in this effort. Pike also has explored becoming
7 an LSE in the NYISO, but has been unable to implement this process to date. Finally, the
8 Study suggested that Pike consider financial instruments to promote pricing stability.

9 **Q. What are the details of Pike’s proposed financial hedging strategy?**

10 A. The hedging strategy provides both flexibility and gradualism. Essentially, Pike is buying
11 a financial product that acts as a fixed rate for a portion of its supply, ie., the hedge will
12 convert portions of the energy purchased from spot market rates to fixed rates. The
13 specifics of the hedging strategy are described in more detail by Mr. Noel Chesser, Pike’s
14 consultant at Enel X (formerly EnerNOC). The differences between the proposed plan and
15 the 2019-2021 plan are:

- 16 • The 2021-2024 plan is proposed for three years instead of two, resulting in lower
17 legal and regulatory costs and efficiency.
- 18 • The 2021-2024 plan modifies dates of hedging for PY 2022 and 2023 to ensure
19 Commission approval prior to hedge date execution.
- 20 • The 2021-2024 plan removes optional hedging of additional quantities that is
21 dependent upon more granular usage and load shape data that Pike is unable to
22 obtain.

1 **Q. How will Pike implement this strategy?**

2 A. Pike will work with its consultant, Enel X, to implement hedges. Enel X assisted Pike with
3 implementing its hedging strategy approved in the last DSP proceeding.

4 **Q. Does Pike believe this hedging strategy is good for default supply customers?**

5 A. Yes, at this time, Pike believes default supply customers benefit from increased pricing
6 stability by essentially fixing the price of a portion of Pike's supply. Under the ESA,
7 energy prices are passed through based on hourly rates which are subject to volatility driven
8 by market conditions. While hourly rates have, for the most part, been lower than forward
9 market rates (fixed rates for future delivery periods) over the last three years, in January
10 2018 hourly rates were very high which resulted in a spike in rates for Pike's default service
11 customers. The bulk of Pike's default service customers are residential, where stable
12 electric prices are better suited for household budgets. Hourly prices over time do not
13 provide the level of price stability preferred by household budgets. While it is impossible
14 to predict spot market prices in the future (and thus impossible to determine in any default
15 supply scenario whether a fixed-rate will be the lowest cost for customers over time or
16 whether the volatile spot market will over time be the lowest cost) the Commission also
17 considers a degree of stability important in default supply pricing. Pike believes its strategy
18 will bring the benefit of stability while still being market responsive since it will not hedge
19 the full portion of its default supply and will retain flexibility to monitor the market and
20 execute hedges when and in the amount in which it appears prudent to do so. Pike will
21 also rely on the expertise of its consultant Enel X.

1 **Q. What counterparties are available to Pike for its hedging strategy?**

2 A. [BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] [END HIGHLY
4 CONFIDENTIAL] Pike executes an International Swaps and Derivatives Association,
5 Inc. (ISDA) Master Agreement with each counter-party. This Agreement does not bind
6 Pike to actually enter into any transactions with a counter-party nor does it bind Pike to
7 only engaging in hedging transactions with a counter-party. Pike will continue to consider
8 and seek additional counterparties.

9
10 **Q. Did Pike implement any hedges during the course of the 2019-2021 Plan?**

11 A. Yes. Pike implemented one hedge. The financial hedge is an energy swap, whereby Pike
12 pays its counterparties a set price based on forward market pricing (within the limits set
13 forth in the confidential portions of the Settlement) for a set quantity of energy. In return,
14 the counter-party pays Pike the spot price of the energy. Thus, if the spot market price of
15 energy is lower than forward market prices, Pike pays more for its energy than spot market
16 prices. If spot market prices are greater than the contract price, Pike still pays the contract
17 price instead of the higher spot market prices it would otherwise receive. Thus, as spot
18 market prices fluctuate, Pike's price for a subset of its default energy supply is constant,
19 resulting in price stability. The settlement amounts of that hedge are included as Exhibit
20 RM-3 (Highly Confidential) to my testimony. I have included as Exhibit RM-4 (Highly
21 Confidential) the report on this hedge that Pike submitted to the Commission and other
22 parties to Pike's last DSP Proceeding.

1 **Q. What is the time-period of Pike’s proposed default supply plan?**

2 A. Pike is proposing a three-year plan (June 2021 – May 2024). I note that the OSBA, in its
3 prehearing memorandum in the prior DSP proceeding, suggested that Pike consider
4 implementing its plan for a longer time-period to decrease costs to customers of submission
5 and approval of plans. Pike agrees. Pike has explored other options such as long-term
6 contracting and becoming an LSE, but those have not yet come to fruition. The small size
7 of Pike’s load makes it difficult to obtain counterparties for long-term contracts.

8 **V. Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards (AEPS) Credits**

9 **Q. How does Pike currently obtain AEPS credits?**

10 A. Pike’s current plan allows Pike to meet its AEPS requirements via a competitive
11 solicitation process, the timing of which is dictated by market conditions. Pike recovers
12 costs related to AEPS compliance from its default service customers through its default
13 service recovery mechanism.

14 **Q. What are Pike’s requirements under AEPS?**

15 A. Pike’s requirements under AEPS are that qualifying renewable energy credits (RECs)
16 must be purchased in quantities determined by AEPS designated percentages of Pike’s DSP
17 actual load for each AEPS fiscal year (June 1 through May 31). There are separate
18 percentage requirements for Tier 1 non solar, Tier 2 and solar. The Renewable Energy
19 Credits (RECs) purchased must be recorded and retired against the fiscal year obligation
20 in PJM’s GATS. Failure to meet the reporting requirement will trigger an alternative
21 compliance payment, which historically has been higher than the cost of complying via
22 REC purchases.

1 **Q. How does Pike propose to obtain AEPS credits for its 2021 DSP Plan?**

2 A. Pike proposes to continue its current practice and solicit various brokers and counterparties
3 to procure credits. It will compare prices offered for credits and purchase sufficient credits
4 to meet the AEPS requirements from the supplier with the lower offer price. Pike notes
5 that it has obtained AEPS credits directly from brokers in the past (2017), and for 2018,
6 AEPS credits were procured with the help of Enel X. Pike utilized Enel X for procurement
7 assistance in 2019 and 2020. Pike may utilize either strategy for 2021-2024.

8 **VI. Rate Design**

9 **Q. What is Pike's current default supply customer rate design?**

10 A. Pike's current market priced default service mechanism is based on flat rates per kWh for
11 each of its default service classes. The default service rates are comprised of two
12 components: (1) the Market Price of Electric Supply, and (2) the Electric Supply
13 Adjustment Charge. The Market Price of Electric Supply is determined quarterly based on
14 the Company's forecast of the wholesale supply costs for the quarter, and reflects the
15 Company's expected procurement costs from the NYISO. Annually, service classification
16 specific factors are developed to reflect each service classification's load characteristics,
17 capacity obligation, forecast sales and applicable losses. These factors are applied to the
18 quarterly forecast of the Company's default service cost per kWh to determine class-
19 specific Market Prices of Electric Supply. Each Market Price of Electric Supply is then
20 increased to permit the recovery of the Pennsylvania Gross Receipts Tax.

1 **Q. How is the Electric Supply Adjustment Charge calculated?**

2 A. The Electric Supply Adjustment Charge is calculated quarterly to reconcile the monthly
3 over- or under-collections of the prior three months to be reconciled. After each month,
4 Pike compares its actual default service costs for the month against default service
5 revenues. Default service costs include all actual costs related to the procurement of
6 energy, capacity, and ancillary services, including any prior period reconciliation costs.
7 Default service revenues include recoveries of the Market Price of Electric Supply and the
8 prior period Electric Supply Adjustment Charge.

9 For each month, actual default service costs are divided by the total actual default
10 service sales for the month being reconciled to determine the overall average rate that
11 would have made the Company whole for the month, on an aggregate basis. The resulting
12 average rate is then utilized to estimate the over- or under-collection applicable to each
13 service classification. The resulting service classification-specific over- or under-
14 collections will be added together for the three months being reconciled and are divided by
15 estimated service classification-specific default service sales for the quarter in which the
16 Electric Supply Adjustment Charges will be billed. The resulting service classification-
17 specific Electric Supply Adjustment Charges are then increased to permit recovery of
18 Pennsylvania Gross Receipts Tax.

19 **Q. Are there price limitations for the Electric Supply Adjustment Charge?**

20 A. Yes. For any given quarter, the Electric Supply Adjustment Charges, including Gross
21 Receipts Tax, shall not exceed a charge or a credit of 2.0 cents per kWh. In the event the
22 2.0 cents per kWh cap is reached, any remaining over- or under-collection balance is
23 included in the subsequent quarter's Electric Supply Adjustment Charges to the extent

1 possible within the 2.0 cents per kWh cap. Interest on under-collections is determined at
2 the legal rate of interest pursuant to Pennsylvania law. Interest on over-collections is
3 determined at the legal rate of interest plus two percent.

4 **Q. Did the terms of the last DSP proceeding settlement place any limitation on recovery
5 of Pike's costs?**

6 A. Yes. Pike was permitted to recover up to \$48,000 per plan year for outside consulting costs
7 related to the hedging program in its default service tariff charges.

8 **Q. What is Pike's proposed default customer rate design?**

9 A. Pike proposes to implement the same customer rate design.

10 **VII. Additional Waivers Requested**

11 **Q. What other waivers has Pike requested?**

12 A. 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(g), provides that: "For DSPs with less than 50,000 retail customers,
13 the Commission will grant waivers to the extent necessary to reduce the regulatory,
14 financial or technical burden on the DSP or to the extent otherwise in the public interest."
15 In the past, the Commission has found waivers of the regulations Pike requests here to meet
16 this standard. Pike requests waivers related to two issues: (1) schedules and technical
17 requirements for bid solicitations, spot market purchases, agreements and forms; and (2)
18 procurement plan standards.

19 **Q. What are the requested waivers related to schedules and technical requirements for
20 bid solicitations, spot market purchases, agreements and forms?**

21 A. Sections 54.185(e)(2) (referring to § 54.186), 54.185(e)(6), and Section 69.1807(3). These
22 provisions require detailed schedules and technical requirements for competitive bid

1 solicitations and documents that would be unduly burdensome and expensive for Pike to
2 create and use. Pike has described the competitive process it will implement in my
3 testimony and in greater detail in Mr. Chesser’s testimony. Pike believes its plan meets
4 the spirit of these regulations without imposing the unduly burdensome and expensive
5 technical requirements of the letter of the regulations and as such waiver is in the public
6 interest.

7 **Q. What are the requested waivers related to procurement plan standards?**

8 A. Sections 69.1805, 69.1805(1), 69.1805(2) and 69.1805(3). These provisions relate to the
9 “prudent mix” standard for supply procurement and breaks down the procurement by
10 customer class. As discussed above, at this time Pike’s best option for its default customers
11 is to continue to procure spot market energy, while implementing a financial hedging
12 strategy. Due to Pike’s small load, this would be applied across all customer classes. As
13 the Commission has previously found, due to Pike’s unique characteristics discussed
14 above, waiver of these regulations is in the public interest and Pike’s spot market
15 purchasing fulfills the prudent mix standard.

16
17 **Q. Does that conclude your testimony at this time?**

18 A. At this time, yes. I reserve the right to provide additional testimony if that becomes
19 necessary at a later time.

Exhibits

Exhibit RM-1	Electric Supply Agreement (ESA)
Exhibit RM-2	Alternative Supply Study (HC)
Exhibit RM-3	Executed Hedge Settlements (HC)
Exhibit RM-4	Hedge Report (HC)

Exhibit RM-1

Electric Supply Agreement

ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT

ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT, dated as of August 31, 2016 (this "Agreement"), between Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., a New York corporation ("O&R"), and Pike County Light & Power Company, a Pennsylvania corporation ("PCL&P") (O&R and PCL&P are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

WHEREAS, O&R and Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation ("Corning") have entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2015 (the "SPA"), pursuant to which O&R agreed to sell to Corning and Corning agreed to purchase from O&R all of the issued and outstanding shares of PCL&P, all as more particularly set forth in the SPA (capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the SPA; provided, however, that when reference is made in this Agreement to any Section or Exhibit, such reference is to a Section or Exhibit of this Agreement unless otherwise indicated); and

WHEREAS, from and after the Closing, O&R is willing to provide, or cause to be provided, the transitional electric supply requirements of PCL&P on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements and covenants hereinafter set forth, O&R and PCL&P hereby agree as follows:

1. Provision of Transition Services; Term; Payment

(a) O&R agrees to provide, or to cause its Affiliates and/or third-party contractors, subcontractors or other service providers or suppliers (collectively, the "Contractors") to provide, to PCL&P the electric supply for PCL&P to serve its electric customers (the "Electric Supply Service") for a period (the "Term") commencing on the Closing and ending on the date that is thirty-six (36) months after the Closing, subject to extending the Term in accordance with Section 1(b) and to earlier termination in accordance with Section 5.

(b) Within thirty (30) days after the first annual anniversary date of this Agreement, PCL&P may elect, by written notice to O&R, to extend the Term for an additional twelve (12) months. If PCL&P elects this first optional extension, PCL&P may then elect, within thirty (30) days after the second annual anniversary date of this Agreement, to extend the extended Term for an additional twelve (12) months. If PCL&P elects this second optional extension, PCL&P may then elect, within thirty (30) days after the third annual anniversary date of this Agreement, to extend the extended Term for an additional twelve (12) months.

(c) O&R shall provide, or shall cause its Affiliates and/or the Contractors to provide, the Electric Supply Service pursuant to this Agreement in a manner consistent with, and with a level of care no less than, the manner and level of care with which

such Electric Supply Service was previously provided by O&R, its Affiliates and the Contractors to PCL&P during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the Closing.

(d) The Parties acknowledge the transitional nature of O&R providing the Electric Supply Service and agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate a smooth transition to PCL&P of the Electric Supply Service furnished hereunder; provided, however, that O&R, its Affiliates and the Contractors shall have no obligation to incur any expense, including, without limitation, in connection with constructing, installing, replacing, modifying, operating, or maintaining any facilities or infrastructure, in connection with such transition (it being understood that this proviso does not affect O&R's obligations, during the Term, to operate and maintain O&R facilities or O&R infrastructure in a manner sufficient to provide the Electric Supply Service pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof).

(e) PCL&P shall pay O&R an amount for the Electric Supply Services that is calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in the Exhibit A attached hereto. Each written invoice (each, an "Invoice") that O&R prepares with respect to the Electric Supply Service provided during the Term shall specify the amount and price of the Electric Supply Service and the period during which it was provided (it being understood and agreed that the "Supply Cost" portion, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, of each Invoice shall be subject to subsequent invoices for additional amounts (or credits) reflecting subsequent NYISO true-ups relating to the period at issue). PCL&P shall pay each Invoice, by the method specified in the Invoice, no later than ten (10) days after PCL&P's receipt of the Invoice. All Invoices sent by O&R hereunder shall be sent to the following address:

Pike County Light & Power Company
c/o Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation
330 West William Street
Corning, New York 14830
Attention: Michael I. German
Fax: (607) 962-2844

2. Limitation of Liability; Release; Waiver; Indemnification; Insurance

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, PCL&P hereby releases and discharges O&R, its Affiliates, the Contractors, and O&R's, its Affiliates' and the Contractors' respective directors, trustees, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns, (collectively, the "O&R Protected Parties") from, waives against the O&R Protected Parties, and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the O&R Protected Parties harmless from and against, any and all suits, actions, causes of action, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees) arising from or relating to providing the Electric Supply Service or any failure to provide or delay in providing the Electric Supply Service, except to the extent that such suits, actions, causes of action, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses arise from the willful misconduct of the O&R Protected Parties.

(b) Without limiting the provisions of Section 2(a), to the fullest extent permitted by law, PCL&P hereby releases and discharges the O&R Protected Parties from, waives against the O&R Protected Parties, and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the O&R Protected Parties harmless from and against, any and all suits, actions, causes of action, claims, and liabilities for (and court costs and reasonable attorney's fees in connection with) any and all special, indirect, incidental, consequential and punitive damages, including but not limited to damage, loss, liability, costs, and expenses resulting from loss of use, loss of business or business opportunities, loss of profits or revenue, costs of capital, loss of goodwill, cost of purchased or replacement power, and like items of special, indirect, incidental, or consequential loss and damage, arising from or relating to providing the Electric Supply Service or any failure to provide or delay in providing the Electric Supply Service.

(c) Subject to the other limitation of liability provisions in this Agreement, in no event shall the cumulative liability of the O&R Protected Parties relating to or arising from providing any Electric Supply Service exceed the payment received by O&R hereunder with respect to such Electric Supply Service.

(d) PCL&P shall procure and maintain (or cause its parent corporation, Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation, to procure and maintain for the benefit of PCL&P) the following insurance during the Term and until any and all Electric Supply Service has been fully and completely performed: Comprehensive (also called Commercial) General Liability Insurance, including Contractual Liability coverage, with limits of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury or death and \$1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage or a combined single limit of at least \$5,000,000 (such insurance shall contain an "occurrence" and not a "claims made" determinant of coverage, shall name the O&R Protected Parties as additional insureds and contain a waiver of subrogation claims against the O&R Protected Parties, and shall not contain an exclusion for claims by PCL&P's or its contractor's or subcontractor's employees against the O&R Protected Parties or any of them based on injury to or the death of such employees). Such insurance requirements may be satisfied through the combination of a primary or underlying policy and an excess policy and it is understood and agreed that, so long as PCL&P complies at all times with the minimum per occurrence amounts and other insurance requirements specified above in this Agreement, in Section 2(d) of the Gas Supply and Gas Transportation Agreement of even date herewith between O&R and PCL&P (the "Gas Agreement"), and in Section 2(d) of the of the Transition Services Agreement of even date herewith between O&R and PCL&P (the "Transition Services Agreement"), PCL&P need not procure and maintain (or cause its parent Company, Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation, to procure and maintain for the benefit of PCL&P) (i) separate insurance policies for each of this Agreement, the Gas Agreement, and the Transition Services Agreement or (ii) insurance policies with per occurrence limits that equal or exceed the sum of (A) the minimum per occurrence amounts specified above in this Agreement, *plus* (B) the minimum per occurrence amounts specified in Section 2(d) of the Gas Agreement and/or (C) the minimum per occurrence amounts specified in Section 2(d) of the Transition Services Agreement.

3. Confidentiality

Each Party hereby acknowledges that the terms of this Agreement (the "Information") are confidential. Each Party agrees to, and shall cause its agents, representatives,

Affiliates, employees, officers, directors and trustees to: (i) treat and hold as confidential (and not disclose or provide access to any Person to) the Information, (ii) in the event that a Party or any of its agents, representatives, Affiliates, employees, officers, directors or trustees becomes legally required to disclose any of the Information, provide such other Party (the "Non-Compelled Party") with prompt written notice of such requirement so that the Non-Compelled Party may seek a protective order or other remedy or waive compliance with this Section 3, and (iii) in the event that such protective order or other remedy is not sought or obtained, or the Non-Compelled Party waives compliance with this Section 3, furnish only those portions of the Information which are legally required to be provided and exercise commercially reasonable efforts to obtain assurances that confidential treatment will be accorded such Information. This Section 3 shall not apply to Information that, at the time of disclosure, is available publicly and was not disclosed in breach of this Agreement.

4. Security for PCL&P's Performance

(a) Simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement, PCL&P, as security for PCL&P's performance of its obligations hereunder (including, but not limited to PCL&P's obligations pursuant to Section 1(e) and Section 2), shall furnish cash security (the "Cash Security") or cause a letter of credit (such letter of credit, as amended or replaced from time to time by a "Substitute PCL&P LC" (as defined below), the "PCL&P L/C") to be furnished to O&R in the amount of \$1,251,390 (the "Initial Amount"); provided, however, that following PCL&P's receipt of the first Invoice and thereafter following PCL&P's receipt of each subsequent Invoice pursuant to Section 1(e), the Initial Amount shall be subject to increase or decrease in accordance with this Section 4(a) and Section 4(b). During the period from the execution of this Agreement to immediately before the first such increase or decrease, PCL&P shall cause the amount of the Cash Security or the PCL&P L/C, as applicable, that remains available for drawing upon by O&R to be in an amount equal to the Initial Amount and during the period from the first such increase or decrease to the "Permitted Expiry" (as defined below), PCL&P, subject to exercising its right pursuant to the first proviso in Section 4(e), shall cause the amount of the Cash Security or the PCL&P L/C, as applicable, that remains available for drawing upon by O&R to be in an amount that is not less than twice the amount of the most recent Invoice sent by O&R to PCL&P pursuant to Section 1(e) (the Initial Amount, subject to such increase or decrease, the "Required Amount"). To the extent that PCL&P fails to timely perform its obligations hereunder, O&R, in addition to and not in lieu of any other rights and remedies available to it, including termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 5, may draw upon the Cash Security or PCL&P L/C, as applicable, to satisfy, in whole or in part, such obligations.

(b) Increases (*i.e.*, because the Required Amount has increased or the Cash Security previously has been drawn upon by O&R) in the amount of the Cash Security remaining for drawing upon by O&R that are necessary to satisfy the then applicable Required Amount shall be made by PCL&P furnishing the applicable amount of cash to O&R within five (5) Business Days after (i) PCL&P's receipt of the Invoice pursuant to Section 1(e) that results in an increase in the Required Amount (in cases where the Required Amount increases due to such Invoice), or (ii) PCL&P's receipt of written notice from O&R that O&R has drawn on the Cash Security and the amount of the Cash Security remaining for drawing upon by O&R is less than

the then applicable Required Amount (in cases where O&R previously has drawn upon the Cash Security). Decreases (*i.e.*, because the Required Amount has decreased) in the amount of the Cash Security remaining for drawing upon by O&R to a level equal to the then applicable Required Amount shall be made by O&R returning the applicable amount of cash to PCL&P within five (5) Business Days after O&R's receipt of PCL&P's written request to return the amount of Cash Security that is in excess of the then applicable Required Amount. Cash furnished to O&R or PCL&P shall be by wire transfer to an account specified by the party that is to receive the cash. Increases (*i.e.*, because the Required Amount has increased or the PCL&P L/C previously has been drawn upon by O&R) in the amount of the PCL&P L/C remaining for drawing upon by O&R that are necessary to satisfy the then applicable Required Amount shall be made by PCL&P furnishing to O&R a Substitute PCL&P L/C within five (5) Business Days after (i) PCL&P's receipt of the Invoice pursuant to Section 1(e) that results in an increase in the Required Amount (in cases where the Required Amount increases due to such Invoice), or (ii) PCL&P's receipt of written notice from O&R that O&R has drawn upon the PCL&P L/C and the amount of the PCL&P L/C remaining for drawing upon is less than the then applicable Required Amount (in cases where O&R previously has drawn upon the PCL&P L/C). Decreases (*i.e.*, because the Required Amount has decreased) in the amount of the PCL&P L/C remaining for drawing upon by O&R to a level equal to the then applicable Required Level shall be made by PCL&P furnishing to O&R a Substitute PCL&P L/C that accomplishes such decrease and O&R countersigning such Substitute PCL&P L/C.

(c) If at any time prior to the Permitted Expiry, (i) the PCL&P L/C has an expiration date that is earlier than the Permitted Expiry, PCL&P shall cause to be provided to O&R, at least twenty (20) Business Days prior to the expiration date of the PCL&P L/C, a Substitute PCL&P L/C containing an expiration date that is at least ninety (90) days later than the expiration date of the PCL&P L/C that it is amending or replacing, or (ii) the credit rating of the bank issuing the PCL&P L/C falls below the level specified in the "L/C Requirements" (as defined below) or such bank repudiates its obligations under, or fails to honor or pay against, the PCL&P L/C, PCL&P, within five (5) Business Days after receipt of written notice from O&R requesting a Substitute L/C, shall cause to be furnished to O&R a Substitute PCL&P L/C, issued by different bank, that replaces such PCL&P L/C. Promptly following O&R's receipt of a Substitute PCL&P L/C that replaces (as distinguished from one that amends) a PCL&P L/C, O&R shall return to PCL&P the PCL&P L/C that has been replaced.

(d) Should PCL&P fail to cause a Substitute PCL&P L/C to be furnished to O&R within the time specified in, and as otherwise required by, this Agreement, including under circumstances where (a) the credit rating of the bank issuing the PCL&P L/C that is to be replaced by the Substitute PCL&P L/C falls below the level specified in the L/C Requirements, (b) the bank issuing the PCL&P L/C that is to be replaced by the Substitute PCL&P L/C repudiates its obligations under, or fails to honor or pay against, the PCL&P L/C, (c) the expiration date of the PCL&P L/C to be extended by the Substitute PCL&P L/C is required to be extended, or (d) the amount of the PCL&P L/C remaining available to O&R for drawing upon is required to be increased by the Substitute PCL&P L/C, then O&R, in addition to and not in lieu of any other rights and remedies available to it, including termination of this Agreement, shall be entitled to draw upon the entire remaining amount of the PCL&P L/C. The parties agree that, for purposes of O&R making such a drawing, O&R may make any

certification or statement required to be submitted in order to effectuate such drawing, including that the amount of the drawing is owed to O&R pursuant to this Agreement. Should O&R exercise its rights under this Section 4(d) to draw down the entire remaining amount of the PCL&P L/C, the cash obtained as a result of such drawing shall be deemed to be the Cash Security (the amount of which is subject to increase or decrease in accordance with this Agreement), with O&R having the right to draw upon such Cash Security as otherwise permitted by this Agreement with respect to the Cash Security.

(e) At all times during the period from the execution of this Agreement to the Permitted Expiry, any PCL&P L/C (which includes any Substitute PCL&P L/C) that PCL&P utilizes to satisfy the then applicable Required Amount must satisfy the L/C Requirements. To the fullest extent permitted by law, (i) O&R shall not be required to keep any Cash Security in a separate account, but rather, shall be entitled to use, possess, invest, commingle, assign, sell, or pledge such cash security deposit in any way it sees fit free from any claim or right of any nature whatsoever, including any right of redemption, and (ii) any interest, return on investment, or other result of O&R's use, investment, commingling, assignment, sale or pledge of such Cash Security shall be the sole property of O&R and shall not be furnished to PCL&P at any time; provided, however, that, assuming the Cash Security is then in the Required Amount and PCL&P is not then in breach of this Agreement, PCL&P shall be entitled to apply the Cash Security to payment in whole or in part of the final Invoice received by PCL&P pursuant to Section 1(e) of this Agreement and, provided, further, that promptly following the occurrence of the Permitted Expiry O&R shall return to PCL&P any balance of the Cash Security then remaining.

(f) As used in this Agreement: "L/C Requirements" means an irrevocable, transferable, standby letter of credit issued by a major U.S. commercial bank or the U.S. branch office of a foreign bank, which, in either case, has counters for presentment and payment located in the City of New York and a credit rating (i.e., the rating then assigned to such entity's unsecured, senior long-term debt obligations not supported by third party credit enhancements, or if such entity does not have a rating for its senior unsecured long-term debt, then the rating then assigned to such entity as an issuer rating) of at least (i) "A-" by Standard and Poor's Rating Group (a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc.) or its successor ("S&P") and "A3" by Moody's Investor Services, Inc. or its successor ("Moody's"), if such entity is rated by both S&P and Moody's or (ii) "A-" by S&P or "A3" by Moody's, if such entity is rated by either S&P or Moody's, but not both, and which letter of credit is in a form reasonably acceptable to O&R, including, but not limited to, drawings being permitted solely upon a statement from O&R that the amount of the drawing is owed to O&R pursuant to this Agreement; "Permitted Expiry" means the date that is six (6) months after the end of the Term referenced in Section 1(a) as such Term may be extended in accordance with Section 1(b) or earlier terminated in accordance with Section 5, provided, however, that if, as of such date, there are then outstanding, or in O&R's good faith judgment reasonable grounds then exist for any future, suits, actions, causes of action, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses that are, or reasonably would be, the subject of PCL&P's defense, indemnification and hold harmless obligations pursuant to Section 2 then Permitted Expiry shall mean the later date on which such suits, actions, causes of action, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses are fully and finally resolved and PCL&P's obligations pursuant to Section 2 with respect thereto are fully and finally performed;

and "Substitute PCL&P L/C" means an amendment to, or a replacement of, the PCL&P L/C or a prior Substitute PCL&P L/, as applicable.

5. Termination

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement upon at least thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party of a material breach of this Agreement by such other Party that is not cured within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice; provided, however, that O&R may terminate this Agreement upon at least five (5) days following written notice by O&R to PCL&P of its failure to make payment pursuant to Section 1(e) and PCL&P not curing such breach within five (5) days following receipt of such notice and O&R may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to PCL&P of its failure to timely perform its obligations pursuant to Section 4.

6. Effective Time

This Agreement shall be effective upon the commencement of the Term.

7. Right to Audit

For a period of twelve (12) months after PCL&P receives an Invoice from O&R for providing the Electric Supply Service, PCL&P or a nationally recognized accounting firm retained by PCL&P that is reasonably acceptable to O&R shall be provided, following O&R's receipt of reasonable advance written notice from PCL&P, reasonable access to and the right to audit (at PCL&P's cost and expense) during normal business hours, O&R's books and records principally relating to the provision of Electric Supply Service for which such Invoice was submitted; provided, however, that any such access and audit shall be subject to Section 3.

8. Notices

All notices, requests, demands, claims and other communications (including Invoices) hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given or made (and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made upon receipt) by delivery in person, by courier service, by fax or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this Section 8):

if to O&R:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.
390 West Route 59
Spring Valley, NY 10977
Attention: Francis Peverly
Fax: (845) 577-3074

if to PCL&P:

Pike County Light & Power Company
c/o Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation
330 West William Street
Corning, New York 14830
Attention: Michael I. German
Fax: (607) 962-2844

9. Independent Contractor

In providing the Electric Supply Service, O&R shall be an independent contractor, and not an agent, of PCL&P or its Affiliates and the employees or O&R, its Affiliates or the Contractors who assist or have a role in O&R providing the Electric Supply Service shall not be considered employees or contractors of PCL&P or its Affiliates.

10. Assignment

Neither this Agreement nor the rights or obligations of either Party hereunder may be assigned or delegated in whole or in part by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that O&R may assign its rights or delegate its obligations under this Agreement in whole or in part to any Affiliate of O&R that, in O&R's judgment, has the resources, capabilities and personnel necessary to fulfill O&R's obligations under this Agreement without the consent of PCL&P.

11. No Third Party Beneficiaries

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their successors and permitted assigns and, except for the protections and benefits extended to O&R Protected Parties pursuant to Section 2, nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person, including, without limitation, any union or any employee or Contractor or former employee or Contractor of O&R or its Affiliates, any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, any rights of employment for any specified period, under or by reason of this Agreement.

12. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

13. Amendment

This Agreement, including the Exhibits, may not be amended or modified except by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of each of O&R and PCL&P.

14. Administration

Each of O&R and PCL&P shall appoint one representative as its primary point of operational contact for the administration and operation of this Agreement (the "Contact Managers"). The Contact Managers will have overall responsibility for coordinating, on behalf of O&R or PCL&P, as applicable, actions taken with respect to providing the Electric Supply Service, including handling any disputes that may arise in connection therewith.

15. Waiver

Either Party may waive compliance with any of the obligations of the other Party hereunder; provided, however, that (i) any such waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing and signed by the Party granting the waiver, (ii) any waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or a subsequent waiver of the same provision, or a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement. The failure of any Party to assert any of its rights hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any such rights.

16. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any law or public policy, all other provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any Party. Upon such determination that any provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

17. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and by the different Parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

18. Specific Performance

The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree that remedies at law would be an inadequate remedy for the breach of any provision contained herein and that in addition thereto, the Parties hereto shall be entitled to specific performance of the provisions hereof or other equitable remedies in the event of any such breach.

19. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts executed in and to be performed in that

State, without giving effect to any conflict or choice of law provision or principle that would result in the application of another state's laws.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC

By: Francis W. Peverly
Name: Francis W. Peverly
Title: Vice President, Operations

PIKE COUNTY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

By: Michael I. German
Name: Michael I. German
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[signature page to ESA]

EXHIBIT A
TO
ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT

The price that O&R shall charge PCL&P for the Electric Supply Service provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated on a monthly basis and be comprised of the sum of the following three components:

(i) **Supply Cost** – PCL&P’s load-based allocated portion [*i.e.*, PCL&P’s load ÷ sum of O&R’s (including Rockland Electric Company’s) NYISO Zone G load and PCL&P’s NYISO Zone G load)] of O&R’s monthly NYISO charges for energy, capacity and any and all other NYISO charges for the applicable month, which shall be subject to subsequent NYISO true-ups. The supply provided to PCL&P’s electric customers is measured by meters at or in the vicinity of the New York/Pennsylvania border, including through metering at or in the vicinity of O&R’s Port Jervis substation. The supply to O&R’s and Rockland Electric Company’s customers is measured by interchange metering at all supply points that are recorded and reconciled monthly with the NYISO/PJM. (Transmission losses are allocated to each jurisdiction based on a ratio of the total system transmission losses to the energy metered for each jurisdiction); and

(ii) **Carrying Cost** – To reflect O&R’s cost of maintaining and operating the physical infrastructure of O&R required to deliver electric supply to PCL&P, the monthly carrying cost component that shall be charged to PCL&P is as follows:

\$48,973 per month for each month of the first twelve months of the Term

\$51,422 per month for each month of the second twelve months of the Term

\$53,993 per month for each month of the third twelve months of the Term

\$56,692 per month for each month of the fourth twelve months of the Term if PCL&P so extends the Term in accordance with this Agreement

\$59,527 per month for each month of the fifth twelve months of the Term if PCL&P so extends the Term in accordance with this Agreement

\$62,503 per month for each month of the sixth twelve months of the Term if PCL&P so extends the Term in accordance with this Agreement; and

(iii) **Service Fee** –The monthly service fee component that shall be charged to PCL&P is as follows:

\$2,250 per month for each month of the first twelve months of the Term

\$2,363 per month for each month of the second twelve months of the Term

\$2,481 per month for each month of the third twelve months of the Term

\$2,606 per month for each month of the fourth twelve months of the Term if PCL&P so extends the Term in accordance with this Agreement

\$2,737 per month for each month of the fifth twelve months of the Term if PCL&P so extends the Term in accordance with this Agreement

\$2,874 per month for each month of the sixth twelve months of the Term if PCL&P so extends the Term in accordance with this Agreement.

Exhibit RM-2

Portion of Alternative Supply Study

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

Exhibit RM-3

Executed Hedge Settlements

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[REDACTED]

Exhibit RM-4

Hedge Report

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Pike County Light & Power :
Company for Approval of Its Default Service :
Plan and Waiver of Commission Regulations : Docket No. P-2020-3022988
and *Nunc Pro Tunc* Treatment for the Period :
June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024 :

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

RUSSELL MILLER,

VICE PRESIDENT OF ENERGY SUPPLY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ON BEHALF OF

PIKE COUNTY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Dated: February 1, 2021

1 **Q. What is the purpose of your Rebuttal Testimony?**

2 A. First, I will address the recommendations that the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)
3 and the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) presented in their Direct Testimony.
4 In short, Pike does not take issue with any of the recommendations and is willing to
5 implement them in its Default Service Plan (DSP). Second, I will provide an update on
6 negotiations of the next Electric Supply Agreement (ESA II) with Orange and Rockland
7 (O&R).

8 **Q. What recommendations did OCA make?**

9 A. The OCA, via their witness Serhan Ogur, Ph.D. made three recommendations to modify
10 Pike County Light & Power Company's (Pike) proposed DSP. He recommends:

- 11 • Pike increase the percent of its load that it hedges to target a hedge of 75%;
- 12 • Pike implement overhanging hedges, such that hedges will be procured for the June
13 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025 delivery period during 2023;
- 14 • Pike modify its default service charge reconciliation mechanism from a quarterly
15 reconciliation to a six-month/twelve-month reconciliation where cost recovery of
16 over- or under-collections occurring over a six-month period would be collected
17 over the subsequent 12-month period.

18 **Q. What recommendation did OSBA make?**

19 A. The OSBA, via their witness Robert Knecht made one recommendation regarding the
20 timing of procurement of the proposed financial hedges. He proposes that Pike procure its
21 financial hedges for Plan Years 2 and 3 much closer to the time of delivery. Specifically,
22 he recommends for Plan Year 2 (2023) the hedges be procured in October 2021 and April

1 2022. For Plan Year 3 (2024), he recommends hedges be procured in October 2022 and
2 April 2023.

3 **Q. Is Pike willing to implement these recommendations?**

4 A. Yes. Pike has reviewed each of these recommendations including with its consultant Enel
5 X. Pike takes no issue with any of these recommendations and is willing to modify its
6 proposed DSP to implement each of them.

7 **Q. What updates do you have regarding ESA II?**

8 A. By way of background, Pike currently has an ESA with O&R to procure its electric supply
9 for default service that expires in August of 2022. ESA II will have substantially similar
10 terms to ESA I. I have been negotiating ESA II with O&R and these negotiations have
11 taken longer than expected. Accordingly, I do not expect to be able to submit ESA II for
12 approval in this proceeding prior to the date for issuance of a recommended decision.
13 Instead, after consulting with counsel for Pike, I am proposing the following procedure:
14 Pike will submit ESA II for Commission review no later than April 1, 2022 via petition
15 that includes supporting reasons for approval of ESA II. The Petition will be served on the
16 OSBA and OCA. To the extent either OSBA or OCA objects to ESA II within 60 days of
17 service, the matter will be set for hearing and decision so that decision can be reached prior
18 to August 2022. To the extent no party objects to ESA II, the matter will be decided directly
19 by the Commission.

20 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

21 A: Yes.

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**Public Testimony of
Noel Chesser**

**PCLP Statement No. 2 with
public exhibit**

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Pike County Light & Power :
Company for Approval of Its Default Service :
Plan and Waiver of Commission Regulations : Docket No. P-2020-3022988
and *Nunc Pro Tunc* Treatment for the Period :
June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024 :

PUBLIC VERSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

NOEL CHESSER

ON BEHALF OF

PIKE COUNTY LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Dated: December 24, 2020

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Noel P. Chesser, and my business address is 1414 Key Highway, Suite 200
3 M, Baltimore, MD 21230.

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5 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6 A. I am employed by Enel X, formerly EnerNOC, Inc., where I hold the position of Principal
7 Energy Advisor in the Global Supply Advisory Services Group. In that position, I provide
8 supply advisory and procurement services for large commercial and institutional
9 customers. Enel X was retained by Pike to review options for their default service plan
10 (DSP) and to support ongoing implementation of the plan once approved by the
11 Commission. I supported the development and implementation of Pike's 2019-2021 plan.

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13 **Q. Please briefly outline your educational and business experience.**

14 A. In 1980, I graduated from Loyola College Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in
15 Accounting, and, in 1986, earned an M.B.A. in Finance from Fordham University, New
16 York City. During this time, I earned a CPA in Maryland and New York. Since 2003, I
17 have been providing energy supply consulting services to commercial and institutional
18 organizations. My work includes educating customers on energy markets including how
19 they are structured, how they work and the options for participating in those markets. Upon
20 completion of the initial customer education process, I work with customers to develop
21 customized energy procurement and risk management strategies best suited to meet their
22 business objectives. This includes developing energy purchase structures/programs,
23 hedging strategies, tariff evaluation, leveraging client energy assets and distributed

1 generation technologies where appropriate. Customers served include large institutional
2 customers and consortiums who purchase up to 1.7 million MWhs and 2.5 bcf of natural
3 gas annually. I have advised and assisted a large university in becoming its own load
4 serving entity (LSE) behind PJM (600,000 MWhs annually) and continue to advise this
5 customer on an ongoing basis. This engagement included helping the customer establish
6 counterparty agreements to enable them to execute financial hedges for their energy
7 consumption. Prior to 2003, I was engaged in managing manufacturing and recycling
8 businesses and prior to that was in the commercial banking sector in various roles as
9 financial analyst and balance sheet asset & liability manager. My CV is attached as Exhibit
10 NPC-1.

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12 **Q. Have you ever previously sponsored testimony before the Pennsylvania Public Utility**
13 **Commission (“Commission”) or any other state utility commission?**

14 A. Yes. I provided testimony in Pike’s prior DSP proceeding at Docket No. P-2018-3002709.
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16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

17 A. I am testifying as to Pike County Light and Power Company’s (“Pike”) proposed Energy
18 Price Hedge Strategy as part of its default service plan (“DSP”). I was the principal author
19 of the strategy. My testimony is supportive of the testimony of Russell Miller.
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21 **Q. Why is Pike proposing the Energy Price Hedge Strategy?**

22 A. The primary goal of the Energy Price Hedge Strategy is to increase price stability for its
23 default service customers while proving the least cost to customers over time. This is

1 consistent with Act 129 of 2008, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 2807(e)(3.1)-(3.7), which seeks to ensure
2 the availability to all Pennsylvanians of “adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient and
3 environmentally sustainable electric service at the least cost, taking into account any
4 benefits of price stability over time.” Act 129 further declares that it is in the public interest
5 to adopt “energy procurement requirements designed to ensure that electricity obtained
6 reduces the possibility of electric price instability.”
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8 **Q. Describe the proposed Energy Price Hedge Strategy.**

9 A. The hedging strategy is substantially similar to the strategy in the Commission-approved
10 settlement of Pike’s last DSP proceeding. The overall strategy is to build price stability by
11 reducing the amount of energy purchased on the spot market over time and avoiding single
12 point market exposure, i.e., making a fixed price commitment for 100% of the overall target
13 hedge percentage (%) at a single point in time. This will be accomplished by layering
14 financial hedges, with each hedge execution date staggered. The level of fixed-price
15 commitments will increase for each time period as its draws closer to plan year. The
16 strategy contains the same pricing parameters as the prior proceeding. The details of the
17 hedging strategy are confidential, and I have included them as Exhibit NPC-2 (Highly
18 Confidential) to my testimony. This document was included with Pike’s Petition as
19 Appendix B.
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21 **Q. What is the basis for the hedge percentages?**

22 A. Enel X reviewed average monthly spot market prices for the five (5) year calendar period,
23 2013 thru 2020. While the average monthly spot market prices were for the most part

1 lower than the then forward market prices, especially over the last two years, there were
2 periods, most notably winter months of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2018, where spot market
3 prices were considerably higher. To balance the benefits of lower cost spot market
4 purchases while capping the exposure to spot market volatility a minimum hedge target of
5 50% was determined. The maximum hedge percentage target was established to provide
6 the opportunity for Pike to lock in energy prices during periods of historically low forward
7 prices. The overall mix of one and two year fixed rate hedge contracts combined with spot
8 market purchases is consistent with Act 129 and the Commission's regulations that default
9 service must meet. This includes a prudent mix of spot market purchases, short-term
10 contracts and long-term purchase contracts designed to ensure adequate and reliable service
11 at the least cost to customers over time.

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13 **Q. Regarding the hedge Pike was able to execute in its 2019-2021 DSP plan, did this**
14 **provide price stability?**

15 A. During the delivery period covered by the executed hedge (November 2019 thru September
16 2020), spot market prices experienced a downward trend and average monthly spot market
17 prices for calendar years 2019 and 2020 were lowest on record since 2007. As a result,
18 the hedge served to increase DSP prices relative to if the hedge were not executed.

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20 **Q. How are financial hedge costs incurred and accounted for?**

21 A. As detailed in Mr. Russell Miller's testimony, Pike will enter into counterparty agreements
22 (ISDA's) with qualified counterparties who offer financial hedge products, namely fixed
23 rate energy swaps. Executing counterparty agreements in itself does not obligate Pike to

1 enter into financial commitments or transactions. Entering into counterparty agreements
2 allows Pike to execute financial hedge transactions to convert portions of energy currently
3 purchased on the spot market to fixed rates for energy supplied to the default service
4 customers. Under a fixed rate energy swap, Pike agrees to pay or receive payment from
5 the counterparty the difference between the agreed upon hedge (fixed) price (\$/MWh) for
6 the quantity (MWhs) hedged (Pike pays fixed rate) and the hourly spot market price
7 (\$/MWh) (Counterparty pays spot market rate). This contract for differences arrangement
8 is settled on a monthly basis. Within a few days after the calendar month end, each
9 Counterparty provides Pike with a monthly settlement statement for each financial hedge
10 transaction. The statement provides the hedge quantity by hour, the actual spot market
11 price per hour, the hedged (fixed) price, the difference between the spot market price and
12 the hedge price per hour (delta price), and the hourly settlement charge/credit (delta price
13 times hedge quantity per hour). The summation of the hourly settlements for the calendar
14 month represents the amount Pike owes the Counterparty, or the Counterparty owes Pike,
15 for that calendar month settlement. This data for the financial hedge that Pike was able to
16 execute for its 2019-2021 plan is included with Mr. Miller's testimony as Exhibit RM-3.
17 As Pike's energy consultant, my Enel X colleagues and I will receive a copy of all financial
18 hedge monthly settlements and validate all rates, quantities and calculations. Enel X will
19 communicate its monthly validation to Pike in a timely manner prior to Pike settling with
20 each Counterparty.

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1 **Q. Why financial versus physical hedges?**

2 A. Pike's electric distribution system is physically interconnected with the New York based
3 Orange and Rockland Utilities Transmission system and, therefore, is part of the New York
4 Independent System Operator (NYISO) control area. While Enel X has assisted Pike with
5 exploring alternative methods of purchasing physical supply, such as becoming a Load
6 Serving Entity (LSE) behind NYISO, those efforts have not come to fruition and physical
7 hedges are not an available option to Pike at this time.

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9 **Q. Do any changes need to be made to the current DSP rate design to accommodate the**
10 **Energy Price Hedge Strategy?**

11 A. No. As described by Russell Miller, Pike proposes to maintain the current rate design
12 including keeping the current customer rate classes, resetting of the rates quarterly and
13 continuing with the Electric Supply Adjustment Charge to recover the delta between billed
14 vs. actual costs. This includes the retaining the Electric Supply Adjustment Charge
15 limitation of 2.0 cents per kWh per quarter. The quarterly default service rates are currently
16 calculated based on Pike's forecast of NYISO Zone G spot market prices for the upcoming
17 quarter along with the other default service related costs (NYISO capacity and ancillary
18 costs, Orange & Rockland Utilities (O&R) contractual costs which include cost of
19 maintaining and operating the physical infrastructure of O&R required to deliver electric
20 supply to Pike and O&R's service fee, and PA AEPS costs) and the Electric Supply
21 Adjustment Charge. The monthly settlement on the hedge transactions described above is
22 incorporated into the quarterly default service rates. This is accomplished by replacing the
23 forecasted spot market rates for the hedge quantities with the fixed rate hedge price. The

1 fixed rate hedge price and quantities will be known at the time the quarterly default service
2 rates are determined for the upcoming quarter. The hedge quantities will be allocated to
3 the rate classes based on each rate class's pro-rata load.

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5 **Q. How does the Energy Price Hedge Plan compare to other PA utility default service**
6 **plans?**

7 A. Pennsylvania utilities, including Citizens Wellsboro, Duquesne Electric, First Energy
8 Utilities (Met-Ed, Penn Power, Penelec, West Penn), PECO Energy Company, PPL
9 Electric Utilities and UGI Electric, deploy some combination of laddered 6-, 12- and or 24-
10 month fixed rate energy tranches purchased at different market points (generally every six
11 months). The purchases cover anywhere up to 100% of the utility default service load.
12 UGI electric combines a large percentage of its load with fixed rate tranches with the
13 balance at spot market purchases. Pike's Energy Price Hedge Plan is consistent with what
14 the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate has wanted Pike to do, namely create a
15 rate design to provide stability for the default service customers.

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17 **Waivers and Partial Waivers Requested**

18 **Q. Do you have any comments regarding Waiver on Plan identifying the schedules and**
19 **technical requirements of competitive bid solicitations and spot market purchases?**

20 A. Pike requests waiver of 52 Pa. Code § 54.185(e)(2) (plan identifying the schedules and
21 technical requirements of competitive bid solicitations and spot market energy purchases)
22 and 52 Pa. Code §54.185(e)(6) (copies of agreements or forms to be used in the
23 procurement of electric generation supply for default service customers). I support this

1 request. Given the size of Pike’s default service load, I believe that compliance with the
2 above code will cause Pike to incur additional administrative costs which is spread over a
3 relatively small load with no additional benefit. This is likely to increase the default service
4 cost/rates and Pike believes this is not in the best interest of its default service customers.
5 Pike will solicit fixed rate hedge prices from all available counterparties to help ensure a
6 competitive bid process. For spot market purchases, Pike is currently limited to purchasing
7 through O&R given it is part of O&R’s integrated transmission and distribution system,
8 which lies in the control area of the New York Independent System Operation (“NYISO”)
9 and its corresponding electric supply agreement with O&R.

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11 **Q. Do you have any comments regarding Partial Waiver on policy statement on inclusion**
12 **of short term and long-term contracts in procurement mix and tailoring procurement**
13 **to customer classes?**

14 A. Pike requests a partial waiver on 52 Pa. Code § 69.1805 on policy statement on inclusion
15 of short-term and long-term contracts in procurement mix and tailoring procurement to
16 customer classes. I support this request. Pike is currently engaging in the most viable
17 option to provide pricing stability to its customers considering its small load size,
18 interconnection with NYISO, and that it is not an LSE. This strategy was developed to
19 increase the level of price stability while providing for spot market purchases to provide
20 lower costs over time. Given the relatively small default service load, Pike does not believe
21 short term and long term contracts tailored to customer rate classes is warranted. Rates by
22 customer class reflect the differences in capacity requirements and related capacity costs
23 and reflect the distribution system loss percentages (primary vs. secondary service).

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Q. Do you have any comments regarding Partial Waiver on competitive bid solicitation process guidelines?

A. Pike requests a partial waiver on 52 Pa. Code §69.1807(3) (competitive bid solicitation process guidelines). I support this request. Pike’s Energy Price Hedge Strategy lays out a general process for soliciting competitive prices from counterparties for financial hedge transactions. Since these are small transactions transacted in a time sensitive over the counter market, Pike does not believe formal bid solicitation process guidelines are necessary or warranted as they would add to the default service costs without providing any measurable benefit.

Rate Design

Q. Does Pike’s DSP include different rates per rate class and how are they determined?

A. Yes, Pike’s DSP includes separate rates by rate class. This is done to reflect the different costs associated with the unique load characteristics of each rate class. This is also consistent with other PA utilities’ DSPs. Citizens Wellsboro, Duquesne Electric, First Energy Utilities (Met-Ed, Penn Power, Penelec, West Penn), PECO Energy Company, PPL Electric Utilities and UGI Electric DSPs were reviewed and compared. Pike’s rate classes are residential, general service secondary (small/mid-size commercial accounts), general service primary (large commercial), municipal street lighting and private outdoor lighting. Primary accounts receive service at a higher voltage level relative to secondary accounts and, therefore, incur lower distribution system line losses. Municipal street lighting and private outdoor lighting have low to no capacity obligations and, therefore, incur little to no capacity costs. These accounts generally consume energy at night time (off peak hours)

1 when energy prices are lower than day time (on peak hours). Thus, default service costs
2 for these customers will differ and, thus, should feature separate rates.

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4 **Q. What costs are appropriately included in the default service rates?**

5 A. DSP costs include all energy costs (fixed and spot market), capacity and ancillary costs
6 charged by the Independent System Operator to the DSP accounts, prorated share of all
7 transmission costs incurred to deliver the energy to the utility distribution system, cost of
8 renewable energy certificates to meet State Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS)
9 costs, professional and administrative fees incurred to support the DSP and any true-ups of
10 billed vs. actual DSP costs. Pike's DSP appropriately includes these costs.

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12 **Q. Is the DSP rate mechanism deployed by Pike justified?**

13 A. Yes the DSP rates are fixed quarterly in advance to provide DSP customers with known
14 rates for the upcoming quarter. The rates are based on forecasted costs for the quarter plus
15 a true-up of prior quarter billed vs. actual DSP costs. Separate rates by rate class are
16 appropriately deployed to reflect the costs of the load characteristics of each rate class.

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18 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

19 A. Yes, it does.

Exhibits

Exhibit NPC-1	CV
Exhibit NPC-2	Hedging Strategy (Highly Confidential)

Exhibit NPC-1

Noel P. Chesser

Curriculum Vitae

NOEL P. CHESSER

Principal Energy Advisor

Noel Chesser is Principal Energy Advisor for EnerNOC, An Enel Group Company where he is responsible for developing strategic energy risk management and procurement plans and services for our customers. Prior to this, Mr. Chesser was Director and key contributor to the growth and prominence of South River Consulting (SRC), a leading Energy Advisory firm acquired by EnerNOC in 2008.

Mr. Chesser is a seasoned energy professional who has developed wholesale electric and natural gas portfolio procurement programs, advised on the energy markets for renewable energy projects including waste to energy, landfill gas, wind and solar projects and provided energy sales consulting for generators. Mr Chesser also has expertise and provides advice on demand response, real time energy usage monitoring, reporting and analytics and utility bill management solutions. He has been providing energy advisory consulting services since 2003.

Mr. Chesser is skilled in developing strategic procurement plans and executing those plans for government, university, manufacturer and commercial real estate customer verticals.

Prior to helping build South River Consulting's prominence, Mr. Chesser worked in the manufacturing and banking industries including Chase Manhattan Bank, and has over 25 years experience in P/L management, mergers and acquisitions, finance, treasury, strategic planning, sales and energy management. Significant career achievements include development of innovative wholesale energy portfolio risk management and procurement structures, and development of key market segments for South River.

The following is a list of representative projects directed or performed by Mr. Chesser.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Consortium (BRCPC) – BRCPC consists of 23 Central Maryland municipal entities including Baltimore City and surrounding County Governments and Public School Systems, Community Colleges and Towns. Collectively this group purchases 1.7 million MWh per annum in electricity for over 4,000 accounts and 2.5 bcf in natural gas for over 1,000 accounts. Mr. Chesser has served as the assistant energy advisor at client inception (2005) and lead advisor since 2010. He assisted in the development of the electric supply portfolio procurement program which includes a dedicated PJM subaccount procured for BRCPC. Under this program, BRCPC has purchased solar renewable energy certificates (SRECs) directly from BRCPC member solar projects. Mr. Chesser developed of an open solicitation for term purchases of Maryland tier 1 and solar compliance renewable energy certificates (RECs). Mr. Chesser was lead developer of the natural gas portfolio procurement program which includes separate dedicated balancing pools behind the local gas utility and the unbundling of all natural gas supply components. Mr. Chesser manages the ongoing procurement, budgeting and reporting on portfolio results and hedge strategy/positions. Mr. Chesser also provides advice on member solar projects and account management support for demand response, energy efficiency and utility bill management services. In his role as BRCPC's trusted energy advisor, Mr. Chesser makes presentations on a variety of energy related topics to various government related associations.

EDUCATION

- ◆ B.A. Accounting
Loyola University Maryland
- ◆ MBA Finance Fordham
University, New York City

CERTIFICATIONS

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant
Maryland and New York
- ◆ National Association of
Securities Dealers (NASD) -
Registered General Securities
Agent (Series 7)

PUBLICATION

- ◆ Waste to Energy Power Sale
Options and Strategies in
Deregulated Markets

City of Philadelphia (COP) – Lead advisor for energy risk management and procurement services for electricity (732,000 MWhs per annum), natural gas (1 bcf per annum) and road fuels (7.5 million gallons per annum). Developed energy cost management and procurement plans for electric, natural gas and road fuels. Established a dedicated PJM subaccount electric procurement program and portfolio based procurement program for natural gas. Assisted in development of fuels market monitor report which compares established price targets with current forward market fuels pricing. Ongoing management of procurement, budgeting and reporting on portfolio results and hedge strategy/positions. Analyzed and reported on renewable PPA offers including their financial and risk management impact on the overall portfolio.

University of Pennsylvania (Penn) – As Lead Advisor assisted Penn (600,000 MWhs per annum) in establishing their own load serving entity (LSE) behind PJM. The initial engagement included identifying all available electric procurement structures and the requirements, costs, benefits and risks associated with each structure. Developed LSE implementation plan and assisted in its implementation including PJM membership, FERC power marketers' license, state license, and EDI qualification with the local utility. Identified and assisted in the establishment of ISDA/EEI counterparty agreements between Penn and major energy companies and financial institutions. Developed LSE risk management policies and LSE operating procedures. Developed LSE management and operating plan and manage ongoing LSE procurement, budgeting and reporting. Developed customized LSE portfolio reporting and weekly market monitoring reporting that incorporates adjusted price targets and comparisons to market prices for forward purchasing. Provides account management support for demand response services provided to Penn. Prepared detailed report and analysis on a 10 MW remote solar project opportunity including settlements with the LSE entity. Report included estimated financial impact to Penn under various energy price environments.

Eastern Shore of Maryland Education Consortium Energy Trust (ESMEC-ET) - ESMEC-ET consists of 30 members including public school systems, county governments, community colleges and towns located in the Eastern Shore region of Maryland. Collectively this group purchases over 165,000 MWhs per annum for over 900 accounts. Mr. Chesser served as assistant Advisor for electricity risk management and procurement services at engagement inception (2005) and Lead Advisor since 2007. Mr. Chesser assisted in the development of the electric supply portfolio procurement program which includes a dedicated PJM subaccount procured for ESMEC-ET. Manages ongoing procurement, budgeting and reporting on portfolio results and hedge strategy/positions. Mr. Chesser also provides advice on member solar projects, natural gas procurement and account management support for demand response and energy efficiency services..

Montgomery County Public Schools - MD (MCPS) – Lead advisor for energy risk management and procurement services for electricity (220,000 MWh per annum) and, natural gas (.7 bcf per annum). Developed energy cost management and procurement plan for electric and natural gas. Assisted in establishing dedicated PJM subaccount electric procurement program (732,000 MWhs annually) and oversees management of that program. Established a portfolio based procurement program for natural gas portfolio including separate dedicated balancing pool behind the local gas utility. Manage ongoing procurement, budgeting and reporting on portfolio results and hedge strategy/positions.

Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (NMWDA) – Lead advisor providing a variety of energy advisory services including energy sales advisory services for a 52 MW Waste to Energy plant, and several landfill gas to energy plants. Provide energy risk management and procurement services to waste facilities and waste transfer

stations. Develop energy sales and purchase strategies and structures to facilitate government entities to buy and sell power to itself. Developed energy sales projections for prospective waste to energy and landfill gas to energy projects incorporating energy, capacity and renewable energy attributes.

Exhibit NPC-2
Hedging Strategy

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