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# VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

> Re: Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Approval of Changes to its Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan; Docket No. M-2020-3020824; PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND OF CENTRAL EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of The Sustainable Energy Fund of Central Eastern Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judith D. Cassel

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Enclosure

 cc: Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge Mark A. Hoyer (<u>mhoyer@pa.gov</u>) Administrative Law Judge Emily I. DeVoe (<u>edevoe@pa.gov</u>) Nick Miskanic (<u>nmiskanic@pa.gov</u>) Per Certificate of Service

#### BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities : Corporation for Approval of Changes to its : Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and : Conservation Plan :

Docket No. M-2020-3020824

### THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND OF CENTRAL EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

#### TO: THE HONORABLE MARK A. HOYER AND HONORABLE EMILY I. DEVOE:

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or the "Commission") Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice, the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.222(d)(1), and the April 24, 2023 Prehearing Conference Order, The Sustainable Energy Fund of Central Eastern Pennsylvania ('SEF"), by and through its counsel in this matter, hereby submit this Prehearing Conference Memorandum in the above-captioned proceeding for the telephonic prehearing conference scheduled for May 15, 2023.

#### A. STATEMENT OF SEF'S POSITION

SEF supports PPL's amendments as to Nos. 5, 7, and 8 of its Petition. SEF anticipates monitoring the proceeding to ensure that PPL's proposed amendments are approved and any further amendments to Nos. 5, 7, and 8 of PPL's Petition do not negatively impact SEF's position.

#### **B. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed a Petition for Approval of Changes to its Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Plan (Petition) on December 30, 2022, requesting eleven modifications to its Phase IV Plan. On January 19, 2023, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) and Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA) filed Answers to the Petition. On April 20, 2023, the Honorable Vice Chairman, Stephen DeFrank filed a motion to approve Nos. 4, 6, and 9-11 of the proposed changes in the Petition and moved to refer Nos. 5, 7, and 8 to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for scheduling a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. A Prehearing Conference was scheduled for May 15, 2023.

#### C. SERVICE

For purposes of service in the above-captioned proceeding, please direct all communications to SEF to the following counsel:

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#### D. ISSUES

- 1. The issues to be addressed in the administrative hearing are as follows:
  - a. Shift approximately \$18M from the Large C&I budget to the Small C&I budget;
  - Increase the estimated savings and estimated peak demand reductions for the small C&I program; and,
  - c. decrease the estimated savings and estimated peak demand reductions for the large C&I program.

E. **DISCOVERY** – SEF does not anticipate needing discovery.

## F. WITNESSES

a. John Costlow (if needed)

# G. SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF TESTIMONY, HEARINGS AND BRIEFS

The parties are continuing to discuss and attempt to reach agreement on a litigation schedule. SEF is willing to engage in informal discovery and settlement negotiations prior to the filing of other parties direct testimony with a procedural schedule as follows:

Prehearing Conference	May 15, 2023
Informal Discovery and Settlement	May 15, 2023 thru
Negotiations	May 30, 2023
Potential Submission of Settlement	May 30, 2023
Petition	
If no settlement reached, proceed with litigation:	
Other Parties Direct Testimony	June 5, 2023
Rebuttal Testimony	June 15, 2023
Surrebuttal Testimony	June 25, 2023
Oral Rejoinder/Evidentiary Hearings	June 30, 2023
Main Briefs	July 15, 2023
Reply Briefs/Settlement Petition	July 22, 2023
Recommended Decision	
Exceptions	
Reply Exceptions	
Public Meeting	

## H. PROTECTIVE ORDER - None

## I. SETTLEMENT

SEF is open, available and amenable to settlement discussions with the parties in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a).

WHEREFORE, The Sustainable Energy Fund of Central Eastern Pennsylvania respectfully

submits this Prehearing Conference Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 12, 2023

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023