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RE: Petition of PPL Electric Utilities
Corporation for Approval of a Smart Meter
Technology Procurement and Installation Plan
Docket No. M-2009-2123945

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served as indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Mullins".

James A. Mullins
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Enclosures

cc: Honorable Wayne L. Weismandel
Office of Special Assistants

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

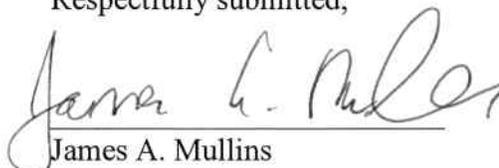
Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :
for Approval of a Smart Meter Technology : Docket No. M-2009-2123945
Procurement and Installation Plan :

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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

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

On August 14, 2009, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company) filed its Petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) pursuant to Section 2807(f)(1) of the Public Utility Code and pursuant to the Implementation Order entered by the Commission at Docket No. M-2009-2092655 on June 24, 2009. Since all of PPL's metered customers currently have advanced meters installed at their service locations, the Company proposes to study, test and pilot applications which enhance and expand upon the capabilities of its current advanced meter infrastructure. Further, PPL proposes to recover its Smart Meter Plan costs through its Act 129 Compliance Rider that was filed with PPL Electric's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan on July 1, 2009, as modified to recover smart meter technology costs.

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

The OCA will seek to ensure that any costs that are sought to be recovered are consistent with Commission regulations, statutes and applicable case law and result in rates that are just and reasonable.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation :
for Approval of a Smart Meter Technology : Docket No. M-2009-2123945
Procurement and Installation Plan :

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

Dated this 28th day of August 2009.

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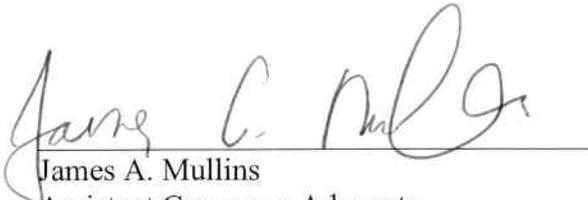
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