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**DA 01-2819**  
**December 3, 2001**

**PPL TELCOM, LLC SEEKS COMMISSION DETERMINATION OF  
"EXEMPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY" STATUS UNDER  
THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT**

**NSD File No: ETC 01-19**  
**Pleading Cycle Established**

**Comments Due: December 17, 2001**

**Reply Comments Due: December 24, 2001**

On **October 31, 2001**, **PPL Telcom, LLC** (PPLT or Applicant), located at **Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1179**, filed an application requesting a determination by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) that it is an “exempt telecommunications company” (ETC), pursuant to section 34(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA),<sup>1</sup> as amended by section 103 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).<sup>2</sup>

The application states that PPLT is a limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPL Corporation (PPL). Applicant states that either directly or indirectly, it will be exclusively engaged through one or more of its affiliates in the business of providing: (a) telecommunications services; (b) information services; (c) other services or products subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission; and/or (d) products or services that are related or incidental to the provision of such products or services within the meaning of section 34(a)(1) of PUHCA.

The application indicates that PPLT’s sole member is PPL Ventures, LLC (PPLV). According to Applicant, PPLV is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPL. PPLT states that in the future, it may provide other telecommunications services and products either directly or through affiliates. The application also indicates that PPLT will be an associate company of PPL Electric Utilities.

In accordance with section 1.5004 of the Commission’s rules, if the Commission does not issue an order denying an ETC application within sixty (60) days of receipt of an application, in

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<sup>1</sup>See 15 U.S.C. §§ 79 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup>See Pub. L. No. 104-104.

this case **December 30, 2001**, the application will be deemed granted as a matter of law.<sup>3</sup> In accordance with section 1.5003, a person applying in good faith for a Commission determination of ETC status is deemed to be an ETC from the date of receipt of the application, in this case **October 31, 2001**, until the date of Commission action pursuant to section 1.5004.<sup>4</sup> In accordance with section 1.5005, the Secretary of the Commission is now notifying the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that the Applicant is deemed to be an Exempt Telecommunications Company.<sup>5</sup> In the event that the Commission issues an order denying the application within sixty (60) days of its receipt, the Secretary will so notify the SEC. Otherwise, the Commission will take no further action to grant this application.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>6</sup> Persons wishing to file comments regarding the adequacy or accuracy of **PPL Telecom, LLC**'s application requesting status as an ETC must do so no later than **December 17, 2001**. Reply comments must be filed no later than **December 24, 2001**. All filings concerning any of the matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to NSD file number **ETC 01-19**. All comments should also be served on the Applicant.

Interested parties should file an original and four (4) copies of their comments with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, parties should send one (1) copy to Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com), and two (2) copies to Carmell Weathers, Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, FCC, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, D.C. 20554.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [cweather@fcc.gov](mailto:cweather@fcc.gov) or Jon Minkoff, (202) 418-2353 (voice), [jminkoff@fcc.gov](mailto:jminkoff@fcc.gov), of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. You may also find more information about Exempt Telecommunications Companies at the Network Services Division website: <http://www.fcc.gov/ceb/nsd/documents/ETC.html>.

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<sup>3</sup>See 47 C.F.R § 1.5004.

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<sup>5</sup>See 47 C.F.R. § 1.5005.

<sup>6</sup>See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.