PPL Corp. Names President of Generation Subsidiary

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PPL Corp. (NYSE: PPL) announced Monday (1/22) that James H. Miller, who has 23 years of experience in the power production business, has been named president of the company's PPL Generation subsidiary.

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Miller, currently executive vice president at USEC Inc., the leading supplier of enriched uranium to nuclear reactors worldwide, will have responsibility for PPL's growing fleet of power plants. PPL currently owns and operates nearly 10,000 megawatts of generating capacity in Pennsylvania, Montana and Maine and is developing an additional 4,000 megawatts in Connecticut, Arizona, Washington, New York and Pennsylvania.

"Jim's extensive experience in operations, startup, fuel supply and emission controls makes him an ideal choice for PPL Generation president," said William F. Hecht, PPL Corp. chairman, president and chief operating officer. "We are very pleased that Jim has agreed to further develop a generation organization that already is among the best in the nation."

In mid-2000, PPL Corp. reorganized its business functions into four separate organizations: unregulated generation; energy marketing and trading; delivery; and international operations and development. The company conducted a search for the president of the unregulated generation organization, which resulted in the choice of Miller.

"PPL Corp. has an objective to control 20,000 megawatts of electricity generating capacity by the middle of this decade," said Hecht. "The effective and safe operation of these facilities is crucial to the long-term success of our aggressive expansion program. We are very confident that Jim Miller is the right person to ensure that our generation operation is second-to-none."

Reporting to Miller will be Robert Byram, senior vice president and chief nuclear officer, who has responsibility for the operations of PPL Susquehanna, a two-unit, 2,200-megawatt plant located in northeast Pennsylvania; Dennis Murphy, vice president and chief operating officer-East, who has responsibility for power plants in Pennsylvania and Maine; and Roger Petersen, vice president and chief operating officer-West, who also is chief executive officer of PPL Montana, which operates about 1,150 megawatts of generating capacity.

Miller has served as executive vice president of USEC, located in Bethesda, Maryland, since 1998. He was vice president of production at USEC for three years before accepting his present position. Before coming to USEC, Miller was president of ABB Environmental Systems, the largest supplier of air pollution control equipment in the United States.

Miller also has experience in the independent power business, having served as president of UC Operating Services, which provided more than 20 power plants in the U.S., Canada and South America with asset management, start-up, training, fuel procurement and maintenance services. He also served as president of ABB Resource Recovery Systems, the third largest waste-to- energy company in the U.S.

A veteran of the U.S. Nuclear Navy, Miller began his electricity industry career at the former Delmarva Power and Light Co., where he advanced to plant manager before accepting a position at ABB Recovery Systems.

Miller earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Delaware. He will join PPL Feb. 5.

PPL Corp. generates electricity at power plants in Pennsylvania, Maine and Montana; markets wholesale or retail energy in 42 U.S. states and Canada; and delivers electricity to nearly 6 million customers in Pennsylvania, in the United Kingdom and in Latin America.

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