

## Quakertown and others settle old suit with PPL

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The energy consortium to which Quakertown belongs has settled a lawsuit with PPL that began back in 2002. In 1998 the 14 municipalities making up the consortium came under attack by PPL when they attempted to go out to other providers for power. PPL filed suit because they put \$124 million into infrastructure and were hoping to prorate it to customers over time.

A five year agreement was reached where the consortium said they would stay with PPL with rates that would depend on the market.

In the fourth year, 2002, the consortium alleged PPL of artificially inflating rates and sued them. PPL counter sued for their legal fees.

Following a recent meeting, the two sides have agreed to let the whole thing go and stop fighting the battle that Quakertown's Borough Manager Scott McElree sees as being long over.

"It is kind of old news because we don't even deal with PPL anymore," said McElree. "We were really fighting for nothing at this point and there were a fair amount of legal fees going into fight this the smart thing to do was just drop the lawsuits and each side walks away."

The borough of Quakertown has been using other power providers since 2002.

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