PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Investigation of Pennsylvania's Retail Natural Gas Supply Market

Public Meeting – December 18, 2014
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Docket No. I-2013-2381742

STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) today is the recommendation from the Commission's Office of Competitive Market Oversight (OCMO) to continue the Investigation into Pennsylvania's Retail Natural Gas Supply Market (Investigation). OCMO's recommendations provide a process and a timeline for addressing various aspects of the Investigation. The elements of the Commission's Investigation include, among other things: capacity assignment, seamless moves and instant connects, accelerated switching, standard offer programs, low income shopping, joint Natural Gas Distribution Company (NGDC) and Natural Gas Supplier (NGS) bills and purchase of receivables programs.

I am excited by the potential for this Investigation to bring real change to the Commonwealth's retail natural gas market and I believe OCMO has provided us with a path forward to properly vet the issues mentioned above. I also want to strongly encourage all interested parties to actively participate in the discussions and working groups OCMO is forming to dig into these issues. It is critical that we hear from all sides and get every idea on the table so that we can effectively and efficiently bring the best possible product to benefit existing and, hopefully, future natural gas customers in the Commonwealth.

I'd also like to thank OCMO staff and members of Team Witmer, Pat McDonnell and Shelby Linton-Keddie, for their work on this issue. The Order before us today provides a structured framework to bring our natural gas retail market to the next level, an effort I am certain will proceed with all deliberate speed.

DATE: December 18, 2014

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