

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company,
Pennsylvania Electric Company and Pennsylvania Power
Company for Approval of Energy Efficiency and Conservation
Plans**

**Petition of Duquesne Light Company for
Approval of its Energy Efficiency and Conservation and
Demand Response Plan**

**PUBLIC MEETING
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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KIM PIZZINGRILLI

Act 129, which was signed into law October 15, 2008, expands the Commission's oversight responsibilities and imposes new requirements on electric distribution companies (EDCs), with the overall goal of reducing energy consumption and demand. The Act established an aggressive schedule for the development, filing and review of energy efficiency and conservation plans. The Commission was required to adopt and implement an energy efficiency and conservation program by January 15, 2009, that would establish procedures for the submission, evaluation and approval of such plans including an analysis of the costs and benefits of each plan and how the plans will enable each EDC to achieve or exceed the requirements for reduction in consumption. Work on this project began almost immediately, with the Commission seeking comments before the Act even took effect.

The Commission met its January 15 deadline, and provided additional regulatory guidance in a series of implementation orders. The EDCs subsequently timely filed their energy efficiency and conservation plans on July 1, 2009. I commend the EDCs for soliciting stakeholder input and meeting this aggressive timeline. Since that time, our staff has worked diligently to develop recommendations for each of these filings. This required the review and analysis of a significant record for each of the filed plans and required consistent legal and policy recommendations on issues common to all of these plans.

Pursuant to the Act, the Commission must either approve or disapprove the plans within 120 days of submission. The Commission has dedicated a considerable amount of resources to meet all of the statutory deadlines. We are very appreciative of the time and effort by our staff enabling us to meet our obligation under Act 129. I recognize that significant, additional work will be required in the review of the now pending smart meter procurement and installation plans. Commission staff is commended for their hard work and dedication on these and the remaining tasks related to Act 129.

October 22, 2009
Date

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KIM PIZZINGRILLI, COMMISSIONER**