**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265**

**Joint Petition of Metropolitan Public Meeting: October 22, 2009**

**Edison Company, Pennsylvania 2092222-OSA**

**Electric Company and Pennsylvania Docket No. M-2009-2092222**

**Power Company for Consolidation M-2009-2112952**

**Of Proceedings and Approval of M-2009-2112956**

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation**

**Plans**

**Statement of Vice Chairman Tyrone J. Christy**

Before the Commission for consideration is the Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company and Pennsylvania Power Company (collectively, FirstEnergy) for Consolidation of Proceedings and Approval of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans (Plans). FirstEnergy filed these Plans pursuant to Act 129 of 2008 (Act 129) and our Implementation Order of January 16, 2009 at Docket No. M-2008-2069887. Numerous parties intervened, filed comments, main briefs and reply briefs, and the entire record was certified to the Commission for consideration and disposition.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Commission employees within the Office of Special Assistants, the Law Bureau, the Bureau of Conservation, Economics and Energy Planning, the Bureau of Fixed Utility Services, the Bureau of Consumer Services, the Office of Administrative Law Judge and the Office of Trial Staff for their efforts in these complex proceedings involving our major jurisdictional electric utilities. I commend them for providing thorough and extensive Opinion and Orders for each of these proceedings, simultaneously and under a strict legislative timeline. This truly has been a team effort which deserves our recognition. I also would like to thank the many interveners for their efforts and participation in these proceedings.

I am voting today to approve FirstEnergy’s Plans as modified by this Opinion and Order, but I do have an overriding concern about the overall cost effectiveness of the Plans. It is very important that the Commission exercise judicial efficiency during the implementation phase of the Plans elements. This Order includes numerous requirements regarding meetings, stakeholder working groups, evaluation reports and other regulatory mandates. As we strive for perfection in the implementation of Act 129, we must be careful to preserve the expected savings for Pennsylvania’s electric consumers and not evaporate these savings with overly burdensome administrative and regulatory related costs.

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