**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company :

for Approval of its Act 129 Phase II : M-2012-2334387

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan :

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Petition of Pennsylvania Electric Company :

For Approval of its Act 129 Phase II : M-2012334392

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan :

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Petition of Pennsylvania Power Company :

For Approval of its Act 129 Phase II : M-2012-2334395

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan :

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Petition of West Penn Power Company :

For Approval of its Act 129 Phase II : M-2012-2334398

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan :

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER**

In accordance with the provisions of 66 Pa. C.S. § 333 and 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.221, an Initial Prehearing Conference has been scheduled for the above-captioned cases in Hearing Room 2, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Participation may be telephonic provided that you let the presiding officer know by no later than Tuesday, December 18, 2012, of a telephone number that you can be reached at.

Notice of the above-referenced Phase II Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans (“EE&C Plans”) shall appear in the December 1, 2012 Pennsylvania Bulletin with a 20 day comment period ending on December 20, 2012. Interested parties/intervenors should notify the Commission by that deadline of their intent to participate in these proceedings.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an Initial Prehearing Conference shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, in Hearing Room 2, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

2. That absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled prehearing conference. Failure of a party to participate in the conference, after being served with notice of the time thereof, without good cause shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and an order or ruling with respect thereto.

3. That all parties shall review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, among other things, that “a party shall initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. All parties are urged to cooperate in discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code 5.371-5.372.

4. That pursuant to 52 Pa.Code § 1.55, each party shall be limited to one entry on the service list. Parties shall provide the name, business address, business telephone number, business telefacsimile number (if any), and business e-mail address (if any) of the person they wish to have listed on the service list. However, there may be an unlimited number of witnesses and counsel on the e-mail distribution list.

5. That pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §§ 1.21-1.23, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall insure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa.Code § 1.24(b).

6. That the parties shall be prepared for an a discussion of the schedule in this proceeding as well as any anticipated issues, procedural or substantive, and any requests for a public input hearing. Parties’ representatives shall be fully authorized to make commitments, both procedural and substantive, on behalf of their represented party.

7. That the parties shall be prepared to discuss the following proposed schedule (assuming consolidation of the dockets) in this matter.

SCHEDULE

Companies’ Direct Testimony November 13, 2012

Prehearing Conference December 19, 2012

Deadline for Answers/Petitions to Intervene/Comments December 20, 2012

Public Input Hearing only if requested

Other Parties’ Direct Testimony January 8, 2013

Evidentiary Hearing January 16-17, 2013

Main briefs January 27, 2012

Reply briefs/comments and/or revised plan February 6, 2012

ALJ certifies record February 7, 2012

Commission decision Early March public meeting

 8. That the parties shall be prepared to discuss *the Joint Petition for Consolidation of Proceedings and Approval of Energy Efficiency and Conservations Plans Phase II of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company Plan and West Penn Power Company* filed on November 13, 2012.

 9. That the parties shall be prepared to discuss any need for public input hearings, protective orders and any petitions to intervene that are filed to the above-referenced docket numbers.

 10. That on or before **Tuesday, December 18, 2012**, the parties shall serve the presiding officer and each other with a prehearing conference memorandum addressing each of the subjects to be discussed above.

Date: November 29, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Elizabeth H. Barnes

 Administrative Law Judge

**M-2012-2334387 – PETITION OF METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY**

**M-2012-2334392 – PETITION OF PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**M-2012-2334395 – PETITION OF PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY**

**M-2012-2334398 – PETITION OF WEST PENN POWER COMPANY**

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