



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company for Approval of Their Smart Meter Deployment Plans
Docket Nos. M-2013-2341990, M-2013-2341991, M-2013-2341993, and M-2013-2341994**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am delivering for filing today the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate, in the above-captioned proceedings.

Two copies have been served today on all known parties in this proceeding. A Certificate of Service to that effect is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel G. Asmus".

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record
Robert D. Knecht

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, :	
Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania :	Docket Nos. M-2013-2341990
Power Company and West Penn Power :	M-2013-2341991
Company for Approval of Their Smart Meter :	M-2013-2341993
Deployment Plan :	M-2013-2341994

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the above captioned proceeding. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).

2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 – 399.50 (“the Act”). The Act further requires that the Small Business Advocate issue publicly a written statement setting forth concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by the initiation of, or intervention in, any proceeding involving those interests before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding.

Act 129, 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(f), requires that each electric distribution company (“EDC”), with at least 100,000 customers, file a smart meter technology procurement and installation plan (“SMIP”). In 2010 and 2011, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company (collectively, “the First Energy Companies”) received Commission approval of their initial SMIPs. On December 31, 2012, the First Energy Companies filed their final joint Smart Meter Deployment Plan (“the Plan”). Rates of small business customers will be affected by the Plan. Therefore, the Small Business Advocate has filed a Notice of

Intervention in the proceeding regarding the First Energy Companies' proposed Plan in order to protect the interests of small business customers.

Dated: February 14, 2013

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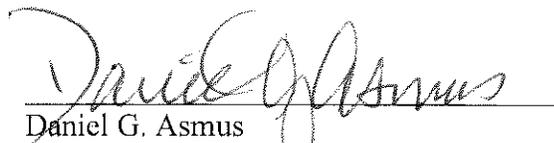
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