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May 17, 2013

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Re: Release of the *Act 129 Demand Response Study – Final Report* and Stakeholders’ Meeting Announcement

Docket No. M-2012-2289411

The Pennsylvania General Assembly charged the Commission with establishing an Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) program. Under the initial EE&C program, each electric distribution company (EDC) with at least 100,000 customers was to adopt a plan to reduce peak energy demand by 4.5% in the 100 hours of highest demand within its service territory by May 31, 2013. *See* 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(1). The Commission was also charged with the responsibility of comparing the total costs of these EE&C Plans to the total savings in energy, capacity and other Commission-determined retail customer costs by November 30, 2013. If the Commission determines that the benefits of these plans exceed their costs, the Commission must set additional incremental requirements for reduction in peak demand for the 100 hours of highest demand or an alternative reduction approved by the Commission. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(2).

To assist the Commission in accomplishing this task, the Commission directed the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator (SWE) to conduct a Demand Response Study to fully assess the costs and benefits of the current peak demand reduction programs.[[1]](#footnote-1) With this Secretarial Letter, the Commission is releasing the *Act 129 Demand Response Study – Final Report* under the above-referenced docket. The study will be published immediately on the Commission’s website at <http://www.puc.pa.gov/filing_resources/issues_laws_regulations/act_129_information/act_129_statewide_evaluator_swe_.aspx>.

The Commission will hold its final Demand Response Study Stakeholders’ Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Hearing Room 1 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120. The purpose of this meeting is to provide stakeholders with an overview of the SWE’s findings and recommendations and to solicit feedback from stakeholders on the information contained within the SWE’s final report. This meeting will be in-person only. The agenda is attached and the Commission will provide additional meeting material on the webpage listed above on Friday, June 7, 2013.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

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**ACT 129 DEMAND RESPONSE STUDY STAKEHOLDERS’ MEETING**

**COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING**

**HEARING ROOM 1**

**400 NORTH STREET**

**HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

**JUNE 11, 2013**

**1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

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| I. | WELCOME - Paul Diskin, Director, TUS | | |
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| II. | INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS | | |
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| III. | PRESENTATION OF DEMAND RESPONSE STUDY  FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (1 hr.) - Statewide Evaluator Team | | |
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|  | * ATTRIBUTION OF PHASE I DR PROGRAMS | |  |
|  | * COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF ACT 129 DR PROGRAMS * WHOLESALE PRICE SUPPRESSION | |  |
|  | * FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS | |  |
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| IV. | QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION (1 hr.) | |  |
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| V. | CLOSING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS | |  |
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1. *See*, *Energy Efficiency and Conservation*, Secretarial Letter, dated March 4, 2011 at Docket No. M-2008-2069987. We note that this analysis was conducted separately from the determination of EDC compliance with the summer of 2012 peak demand reduction mandates as prescribed at 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(1). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)