

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

**Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison
Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company
and West Penn Power Company for Approval
of Their Default Service Programs**

**Public Meeting held May 23, 2013
2273650-TUS
Docket Nos. P-2011-2273650, P-2011-
2273668, P-2011-2273669, & P-2011-
2273670**

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER WAYNE E. GARDNER

The FirstEnergy regulated utilities have submitted revisions to their Default Service Programs pursuant to the Commission's February 2013 Order in this proceeding. Included in this revision, is the companies' proposal to recover the cost of their Customer Referral Programs by charging each participating electric generation supplier \$30 per customer referred to that supplier and recovering any cost over \$30 through a non-bypassable surcharge. The companies have indicated that the cost for this program will be \$38.58 per referred customer. Pursuant to the proposal approved today, \$8.58 per customer will be recovered through the non-bypassable surcharge.

Although this proposal is compliant with the Commission's prior directive, I highlight that today we are also approving cost recovery for PPL's Customer Referral Program. Because PPL has indicated that the cost per customer will be under \$30, no surcharge is needed. I encourage the FirstEnergy companies to review their cost per customer to determine if they can also keep the cost per referred customer below \$30.

May 23, 2013
Date


Wayne E. Gardner, Commissioner