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 **June 27, 2014**

To: Electric Distribution Companies with 60,000 residential customers or more and Natural Gas Distribution Companies with 100,000 residential customers or more

Re: USECP filing schedule and Independent Evaluation filing schedule

Major natural gas and electric distribution utilities are directed by 52 Pa Code §54.74 and §62.4 to submit a triennial Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan (Plan) every 3 years on a staggered schedule. The original schedule, due to many factors, including mergers, appeals and other delays, is no longer effectively staggered. Further, the Commission has previously confirmed a filing schedule only through 2016.

The attached chart establishes the filing schedule through 2020. The new filing schedule provides time to process the Plans already filed with the Commission and, more appropriately, staggers future Plan filings for the nine major utilities to facilitate more timely reviews. This schedule change also includes new filing dates for the six year independent evaluations.

In addition to adjusting and extending the filing schedule, this Secretary Letter also acts as a partial, one time Commission waiver of the three year requirement set per 52 Pa Code §54.74 and §62.4.

Plans in effect now but due to expire before the next new scheduled filing date will automatically remain in effect until a new Plan approval date. As indicated in the chart, several companies which have already filed a proposed 3-year Plan will need to file an additional year for review. Over the next years, as noted, some companies will need to propose Plans to cover a four year period to fit the new schedule, thereafter reverting to the usual three-year process.

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 Very truly yours,

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**USECP Filing Schedule through 2020**

**Independent Evaluation Schedule through 2020**

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| **Future Filing Date** | **Utility / Plan years / Evaluations** | **Original****Filing Date** |
| 8/1/14 (2017) | UGI Plan 2014-2016 Add 2017 | 7/1/13 |
| 9/1/14 (2018) | First Energy Plan 2015-2017 Add 2018 | 2/28/14 |
| 1/2/15 (2018) | Columbia Plan 2015-2017 Add 2018 | 6/1/14 |
| 6/1/15 (2018) | Peoples Plan 2015-2017 Add 2018 | 6/1/14 |
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| 8/1/15  | Duquesne Evaluation | 10/31/15 |
| 10/1/15  | PECO Plan 2016-2018 | 2/28/15 |
| 10/1/15  | PPL Evaluation  | 10/1/14 |
| 3/16/16 | Duquesne Plan 2017-2019 | 2/28/16 |
| 5/1/16 | PGW Plan 2017-2020 -- 4 years | 6/1/16 |
| 7/1/16 | PPL Plan 2017-2019 | 6/1/16 |
| 9/1/16  | Equitable Plan 2017-2019 | 6/1/16 |
| 11/1/16  | NFG Plan 2017-2020 – 4 years | 6/1/16 |
| 2/1/17 | First Energy Evaluation | 10/31/16 |
| 4/1/17 | UGI Utilities Plan 2018-2020 | 7/1/16 |
| 6/1/17 | Columbia Evaluation | 11/1/16 |
| 10/2/17 | Peoples Evaluation | 8/2/16 |
| 12/1/17 | First Energy 2019-2021 |  |
| 1/2/18 | PECO Evaluation |  |
| 2/1/18 | Columbia Plan 2019-2021 |  |
| 7/1/18 | Peoples Plan 2019-2021 |  |
| 11/1/18 | PECO Plan 2019-2021 |  |
| 2/28/19 | Duquesne Plan 2020-2022 |  |
| 3/1/19 | NFG Evaluation |  |
| 4/1/19 | PGW Evaluation |  |
| 5/1/19 | Equitable Plan 2020-2022 |  |
| 8/1/19 | UGI Evaluation |  |
| 8/1/19 | PPL Plan 2020-2022 |  |
| 11/1/19 | NFG Plan 2021-2023 |  |
| 2/1/20 | PGW Plan 2021-2023 |  |
| 5/1/20 | UGI Plan 2021-2023 Plan |  |

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