

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Petition of Philadelphia Gas Works for  
Approval of Demand-Side Management  
(DSM) Plan for FY 2016-2020;  
Philadelphia Gas Works Universal  
Service and Energy Conservation Plan  
for 2014-2016**

**Public Meeting held June 30, 2016  
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Docket No. P-2014-2459362**

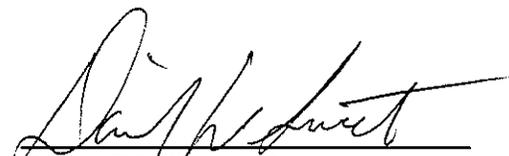
**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER DAVID W. SWEET**

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition is the Petition of Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) for approval of its Phase II Demand-Side Management (DSM) plan for 2016-2020. PGW's Phase II DSM Plan was approved by Recommended Decision (RD) in March 2016. PGW filed Exceptions to the RD, while numerous parties to the proceeding filed Replies to Exceptions.

I commend PGW for the progressive ideas it brought to the table in this proceeding. The Company's proposals to harness a conservation adjustment mechanism, to implement performance incentives, and to foster efficient fuel switching are all novel concepts for gas utilities.

I submit that concepts of this type, when implemented effectively, can help to fulfill larger public policy benefits including harboring affordable rates, improving the environment, and increasing utilization of domestically abundant natural resources. My position in the instant case shall in no way infer a prejudice on my behalf for the viability and potential benefits of these proposals in the future. Rather, my position is solely based on the view that the current Demand-Side Management proceeding is not the appropriate forum for their consideration. Therefore, I encourage PGW to consider the inclusion of these proposals in a more fully vetted future proceeding, such as a base rate case.

**June 30, 2016**  
**Date**

  
**David W. Sweet, Commissioner**