

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105**

**PA Public Utility Commission *et al.***  
**vs.**  
**Metropolitan Edison Company *et al.***

**Public Meeting: January 19, 2017**  
**2537349-OSA**  
**Docket No. R-2016-2537349 *et al.***

**STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN ANDREW G. PLACE**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration are the Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions from the various parties in the above captioned proceeding. In addition, before the Commission for consideration are four Joint Petitions for Partial Settlement (Partial Settlement) regarding the general rate base filings of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company (First Energy Companies). As part of the Partial Joint Settlement Agreement, the First Energy Companies have agreed to share, when reported to the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services, the information outlined in 52 Pa Code §54.75 *Annual residential collection and universal service and energy conservation program reporting requirements* and §58.15 *Residential Low Income Usage Reduction Programs, Program Evaluation* with the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and CAUSE-PA.<sup>1</sup>

I applaud the First Energy Companies for this data transparency as this is the first time utilities are providing these materials to parties other than the Commission to whom this will provide substantive insights.

However, out of an abundance of caution, I would be remiss if I did not equally draw attention to consumer privacy protections that must be assured in the transmittal of these materials. I also remind the parties that a protective order is in place in this proceeding. With these customer protections in place, I look forward to the robust exchanges resulting from the additional analysis of this data.

**DATE: January 19, 2017**

  
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**Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman**

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Settlement Agreement at 12.