

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for Public Meeting held January 26, 2017
Approval of a Minor Change to its Phase III 2515642-OSA
Energy Efficiency & Conservation Plan Docket No. M-2015-2515642


JOINT STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN
AND DAVID W. SWEET

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition is the Petition for Reconsideration of Staff Action (Reconsideration Filing) filed by PPL Industrial Customer Alliance. The Reconsideration Filing pertains to Commission Staff's approval of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation's (PPL or the Company) Petition for Approval of a Minor Change to its Phase III Energy Efficiency & Conservation Plan (Minor Change Filing).

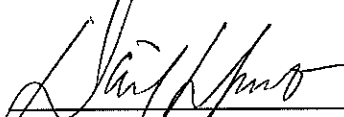
In its Minor Change Filing, PPL seeks authority to modify the cost effectiveness eligibility requirement for Custom Program projects. Specifically PPL proposes to eliminate existing minimum total resource cost (TRC) test thresholds in order to obtain increased flexibility in offering Custom Program incentives. PPL's Custom Program provides incentives to non-residential customers that support investments in areas such as equipment optimization, new construction projects, and combined heat and power (CHP). The original Custom Program design entailed a minimum TRC test eligibility requirement of 1.1 for all measures except CHP, which was set at 1.25.

We believe it is instructive to highlight the reasons we support this change. First and foremost, this modification will not increase PPL's existing Custom Program budget figure. Second, this change will avail PPL increased flexibility in offering custom measures thereby empowering the Company to achieve its usage reduction mandates. However, PPL will still be required to offer Custom Program incentives in a manner that does not reduce the Company's overall Act 129 Plan TRC below 1.0. Third, this amendment will help foster CHP investments in PPL's service territory, a policy that we support. Last, PPL's reduction targets will not change. Failure to meet these goals will still subject the Company to a civil penalty consistent with Act 129.

January 26, 2017
Date



Gladys M. Brown, Chairman



David W. Sweet, Commissioner