STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

Today the Commission acts to finalize policies which foster regulatory clarity for the Commonwealth’s electric vehicle charging industry. Furthermore, we take a large step toward designing a regulatory landscape which supports innovative and dynamic pricing for electric vehicle charging. The Commission does so via a Policy Statement announcing that third-party charging stations are not subject to resale/redistribution pricing restrictions and by advising electric distribution companies to codify this policy in their respective tariffs. I am pleased to take this action today as I believe it will work to facilitate progress in the Commonwealth’s burgeoning electric vehicle landscape.

Additionally, the Commission’s action today supports tariff provisions requiring customers to notify electric distribution companies of any planned build-out of electric vehicle charging stations. Technological advancements, including the advent of electric vehicles, are transforming the electric consumption profiles of customers and the grid as a whole. As such, it is of paramount importance that electric utilities be able to adapt their infrastructure to support this transformation in an economic manner. These tariff provisions will work to enhance utility’s informational awareness and thus support more efficient distribution system planning.

I look forward to reviewing the tariff filings made pursuant to the Commission’s action today.

November 8, 2018
Date

Gladys M. Brown, Chairman