

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Implementation of Act 129 of 2008 –  
Total Resource Cost (TRC) Test**

**PUBLIC MEETING  
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M-2008-2069887**

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KIM PIZZINGRILLI**

The Commission has been charged with developing a comprehensive regulatory framework to implement Act 129 of 2008 which was signed into law on October 15, 2008. The Commission had been given an important task with an aggressive timeline, and promptly began to get about the business of meeting its obligations. This task was significant in size and complexity, given the scope of the Act's subject matter. Within several weeks the Commission had issued a request for comments on key implementation issues, and convened a stakeholder working group by December 2008.

This particular Order is but one link in chain of actions stretching back to last fall undertaken at the Commission. In several weeks the Commission will begin to receive the first compliance filings to implement the Act's provisions. In anticipation of this key milestone, the following highlights several actions taken to date:

- January 15, 2009: Adoption of standards governing the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs that EDCs will be filing this July 1, consistent with a statutory deadline.
- February 5, 2009: Adoption of final standards for the Conservation Service Provider Registry, consistent with a statutory deadline. The Commission has been diligently processing registrations for conservation service providers.
- March 26, 2009: Identification of the specific energy conservation and peak demand reduction targets.
- April 21, 2009: The issuance of a Request for Proposal for a Statewide Program Evaluator.
- May 7, 2009: Adoption of standard Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Filing templates.
- May 28, 2009: Adoption of revisions to the Technical Reference Manual for energy saving measurement and verification.
- May 28, 2009: Adoption of standards and procedures to implement the revisions to the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act.

Additionally, today we separately issued standards governing the filing, review and implementation of plans to comply with the smart meter mandate of Act 129. We are also currently reviewing submissions received in response to the RFP for a statewide evaluator. Later this year the Commission will begin the process of revising its default service regulations, though we have been applying the Act 129's procurement provisions to plans that have come before us for disposition this year.

I note that all of these actions were preceded either by tentative orders, the circulation of draft proposals, or other public comment periods to ensure the opportunity for productive stakeholder participation.

I would like to thank all our staff involved in this work. While nearly every part of the Commission has shared in this task, I would like to thank the Director of Operations for her role in coordinating this project, and the staff of the Bureau of Conservation, Economics and Energy Planning, the Law Bureau, and the Bureau of Fixed Utility Services for the many orders drafted and prepared for disposition. I would also like to thank our Office of Communications for their efforts to keep the public informed on this matter, and the very thorough and timely updated Act 129 website.

The Commission has also benefited from the active participation of the electric distribution companies, the Office of Consumer Advocate, representatives of the industrial customers, the energy efficiency sector, and many other participants in the stakeholder process. The success of the implementation of Act 129, is in part due to the thoughtful analysis that was provided during the many opportunities for comment over the past six months. I recognize that this was a significant undertaking for them as well, given the numerous proceedings that have been ongoing at the Commission over the same time period.

The Commission still has a significant amount of work before it, as it reviews and rules on the plans filed by the EDCs for compliance with the Act. We will strive to diligently carry out our responsibilities, and welcome the public's continued participation in this matter.

**June 18, 2009**  
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**KIM PIZZINGRILLI, COMMISSIONER**