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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

**Interim Guidelines for Eligible
Customer Lists for Electric
Distribution Companies**

**Public Meeting – July 15, 2010
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STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN TYRONE J. CHRISTY

I am voting today in support of issuing these proposed interim guidelines for comment, and commend our staff for a comprehensive and balanced work product. I also appreciate the support of my colleagues for adding a provision to the proposed guidelines that would allow a residential customer in a domestic violence situation, or other dangerous situation, to restrict the release of his or her service address, and look forward to receiving comments on this issue.

Notwithstanding my support of these guidelines, I invite comment on a broader issue, namely whether customers should have the right to restrict the release of *all* of their customer information. Currently, our regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 54.8 provide that an EDC may not release “private customer information” unless customers are given the right to restrict the release of the information. The regulation then states that customers may restrict the release of their telephone number and historic billing data. Generally the Commission seems to interpret this regulation as one that *prevents* a customer from restricting the release of the balance of his or her private customer information. Under this interpretation, the two enumerated items (telephone number and billing data) are exceptions to the general rule that an EDC must release private customer information regardless of customer preference.

Although today the Commission is proposing to slightly expand the list of informational items that customers may elect to keep private to include the service address of residential customers in a domestic violence or other dangerous situation, I invite comments on whether customers should be given the right to restrict the release of *all* of their private customer information if they so choose. It would seem contrary to the spirit of the Electricity Generation *Customer Choice* and Competition Act not to give customers the choice of what private customer information, if any, their EDC is required to release.

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