

June 25, 2012

Public Utility Commission
Docket Number M-2012-2289411
Attention: Secretary
P.O.Box3265,
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Dear Public Utility Commission:

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We are writing in support of strong Energy Efficiency and Conservation targets under Act 129, the Energy Savings Act. In Phase I the Act has saved 2073 GWh and \$278 million annually on electricity bills. We support a 1% annual savings goal for each of year of the program. In addition we support the continuation of the peak demand management program and the introduction of on-bill financing.

We write as a group of labor unions to support efficiency program under Act 129 because of the demonstrated and potential further job creation as a result of the program.

A study commissioned by Penn Future shows that Act 129 programs to date have netted Pennsylvania over 4,000 job years, and that by extending the current energy efficiency goals Phase II of the program has the potential to create up to 14,000 job years over the next 5 years.

We especially support this job creation because the jobs that will be created will be family supporting, well-paid union jobs in construction occupations like plumbing, pipefitting, sheetmetal work, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), and insulation.

Thank you for your support for this important policy.

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