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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Investigation of PA's Retail Electricity Market

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STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER

Before the Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration is a Tentative Order outlining the proposed default service end state model developed by the Commission's Office of Competitive Market Oversight (OCMO) with input from active stakeholders participating in the Investigation of Pennsylvania's Retail Market (RMI). The Tentative Order addresses a number of critical issues related to default service, including, among other things, recommendations regarding wholesale procurement, consumer protections, supplier consolidated billing, and energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) programs.

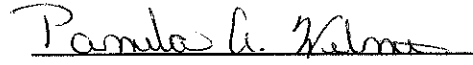
First, I want to thank OCMO and the stakeholders that have participated in the RMI to date, including electric distribution companies (EDCs), electric generation suppliers (EGSs), statutory advocates and other advocacy organizations for the important role you have played in this process. I truly believe that the recommendations embodied within this Tentative Order go a long way toward improving retail electric competition within the Commonwealth and thereby creating significant value that will benefit ratepayers across Pennsylvania.

In addition to outlining the proposed default service end state model for the Commission's RMI, the Tentative Order requests comments on the critical issues set forth within. I wish to encourage interested parties to provide comments on the various proposals within this Tentative Order and I am particularly interested in how the parties view the Commission's approach to EE&C programs going forward. Accordingly, I request that parties answer the following questions within their comments:

- Do any EGSs currently provide or plan to provide EE&C services as part of their competitive retail offerings within Pennsylvania?
- If such services are or will be offered, how do EDCs and EGSs see those services coordinating with existing EDC Act 129 EE&C program obligations?
- Are there enhancements we can make to the Commission's end state proposal to encourage EGSs to develop and offer additional EE&C services, outside the scope of the Act 129 EE&C Programs?
- Is there a broader role EGSs can or should play within legislatively mandated EDC EE&C programs?

Thank you again to all of the Commission staff and stakeholders whose hard work has brought us to this point. I look forward to reviewing your comments on how we can best structure default service going forward for the benefit of Pennsylvania's consumers.

DATE: November 8, 2012



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