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January 14, 2013

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Re: Act 129 Pennsylvania Demand Response Study Stakeholders’ Meeting Announcement

Docket No. M-2012-2289411

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) will hold its second Demand Response Study Stakeholders’ Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in Hearing Room 1 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120. The purpose of this meeting is to provide stakeholders with an update on the status of the study and the results obtained to date, as well as to outline tasks to be completed.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly charged the Commission with establishing an Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) program. Under the initial EE&C program, each electric distribution company (EDC) with at least 100,000 customers was to adopt a plan to reduce peak energy demand by 4.5% in the 100 hours of highest demand within its service territory by May 31, 2013. *See* 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(1). The Commission was also charged with the responsibility of comparing the total costs of these EE&C Plans to the total savings in energy, capacity and other Commission-determined costs to retail customers by November 30, 2013. If the Commission determines that the benefits of these plans exceed their costs, the Commission must set additional incremental requirements for reduction in peak demand for the 100 hours of greatest demand or an alternative reduction approved by the Commission. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(2).

To assist the Commission in accomplishing this task, the Commission directed the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator (SWE) to conduct a Demand Response Study to fully assess the costs and benefits of the current peak demand reduction programs.[[1]](#footnote-1) The study will also include an analysis and recommendations for future peak demand reduction performance hours and demand response protocols.[[2]](#footnote-2) It is anticipated that the SWE will submit its final report in April of 2013.

Attached is the agenda for the meeting. The Commission will post additional meeting materials on the Act 129 Information webpage on February 8, 2013.[[3]](#footnote-3) Any questions regarding this stakeholder meeting should be directed to Darren Gill at 717-783-5244 or [dgill@pa.gov](mailto:dgill@pa.gov).



Sincerely,

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

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**ACT 129 DEMAND RESPONSE STUDY STAKEHOLDERS’ MEETING**

**COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING**

**HEARING ROOM 1**

**400 NORTH STREET**

**HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**1:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

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| I. | WELCOME - Paul Diskin, Director, TUS | | |
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| II. | INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS | | |
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| III. | PRESENTATION OF INTERIM DEMAND RESPONSE STUDY  FINDINGS (1 hr.) - Statewide Evaluator Team | | |
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|  | * DEMAND RESPONSE IN OTHER STATES | |  |
|  | * DEMAND RESPONSE MARKET PRICING ANALYSIS | |  |
|  | * INTERIM FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS | |  |
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| IV. | OUTLINE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED FOR FINAL REPORT (10 min.) – Statewide Evaluator Team | |  |
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| V. | QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION (50 min.) | |  |
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| VI. | CLOSING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS | |  |
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1. *See Energy Efficiency and Conservation*, Secretarial Letter, (March 4, 2011 Secretarial Letter) at Docket No. M-2008-2069987. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This analysis will be conducted separately from the determination of EDC compliance with the summer of 2012 peak demand reduction mandates as prescribed at 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(1). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The Commission’s Act 129 Information webpage can be found at <http://www.puc.state.pa.us/filing_resources/issues_laws_regulations/act_129_information.aspx>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)