

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Public Utility Commission
March 30, 1998

SUBJECT: Response Letter to PECO Energy
Docket No. R-00973953

TO: James McNulty
Secretary

FROM: Lawrence F. Barth
Assistant Counsel

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Attached please find a copy of a letter responding to PECO Energy Company's reply to the Commission's offer to delay the start of the Company's enrollment, if the Company agreed to cooperate with the PUC's consumer education efforts. By notational vote of 5-0, the Commissioners have approved sending this letter to PECO Energy. Please send the letter to the Company and to all parties on the service list of the docket noted above.

For your convenience, I have prepared a version of the letter for you to use in DOCS. It is # 71237 and you have "all rights" to the document.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 2-8579.

Attachment

cc. B. Pankiw



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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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March 30, 1998

Thomas P. Hill, Jr.
Vice President and Controller
PECO Energy Company
2301 Market Street
P.O. Box 8699
Philadelphia, PA 19101-8699

Re: March 5, 1998 Letter of Thomas P. Hill, Jr.,
on Behalf of PECO Energy Company at
Docket No. R-00973953

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 5, 1998 in which you state that PECO Energy Company accepts the Commission's offer as set forth at page 27 of its Opinion and Order of February 26, 1998¹ and will participate in the PUC's Consumer Education program. By this letter the Commission acknowledges PECO Energy's stated intention "to participate in the Commission's Consumer Education program in a cooperative manner." Accordingly enrollment for the phase-in will begin July 1, 1998. Of course, the Company will have to prepare for the July 1, 1998 enrollment well in advance of that date..

Your letter goes on to highlight some assumptions and understandings regarding the Consumer Education program. I have no doubt you are aware that the PUC is directed by the General Assembly to see that "each electric distribution company, in conjunction with the commission, shall implement a consumer education program informing customers of the changes in the electric utility industry." 66 Pa. C.S. §

¹ Application of PECO Energy Company for Approval of its Restructuring Plan Under Section 2806 of the Public Utility Code and Joint Petition for Partial Settlement, Docket No. R-00973953; Petition of ENRON Energy Services Power, Inc. for Approval of an Electric Competition and Choice Plan and for Authority Pursuant to Section 2807 (e)(c) of the Public Utility Code to Serve as the Provider of Last Resort in the Service Territory of PECO Energy Company, Docket No. P-00971265, Opinion and Order, p. 27 (Entered February 26, 1998) (February 26 Order).

2807(d)(3). The Commission's Order implementing section 2807(d)(3) establishes the Commission's commitment to an education plan which is "designed to disclose basic, factual information about the law approved by the Legislature and consumer rights and responsibilities under the Act so that consumers can successfully navigate the transition to a competitive generation market" while respecting the legitimate First Amendment rights of the participating utilities. February 26 Order at 26.

The education plan will provide all necessary information to consumers in a competitively neutral manner that does not promote or disparage any supplier of electricity or any electric distribution company. The plan is to be funded by consumers through a CTC levied on a per-customer basis.

PECO Energy, and all other EDCs, shall have the opportunity to share in the formulation of the statewide education plan through the Pennsylvania Electric Association's participation in the Consumer Education Board which was established by separate Commission action at its February 26, 1998 Public Meeting.² This same Board will also review the local education programs submitted by each EDC. The Board's recommendations will be deemed to be accepted by the Commission unless modified through the appeal process set forth in the Commission's Order. See the Commission's Order at Docket No. M-00981036 for details.

Sincerely,

James McNulty
Secretary

² Creation and Implementation of a Statewide Consumer Education Program for Electric Restructuring in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Docket No. M-00981036, Opinion and Order (Entered February 27, 1998).

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NOTICE OF PETITION by PECO Energy Company, at
No. 0898 C.D. 1998, Commonwealth Court of
Pennsylvania, from the order of the Commission dated
February 26, 1998 in the above-captioned proceeding.

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