

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

**Petition of PECO Energy Company for  
Approval of its Default Service Plan**

**Public Meeting held January 9, 2014  
2283641-OSA  
Docket No. P-2012-2283641**

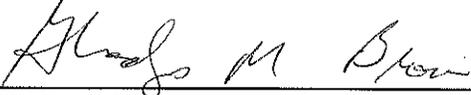
**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER GLADYS M. BROWN**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration is the Petition of PECO Energy Company (PECO) for Approval of its Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Shopping Plan, filed on May 1, 2013.

I am supportive of availing CAP customers the opportunity to enroll with an electric generation supplier (EGS). As well, I believe affordability is of paramount concern for CAP customers. The proposal by PECO to place a ceiling on EGS offers to CAP customers appropriately provides measures to maintain, at a minimum, the current level of affordability experienced by CAP customers. PECO has a significantly larger CAP customer base and consequently more expensive gross CAP costs than all other electric distribution companies in the Commonwealth.<sup>1</sup> A potential result, under PECO's current CAP structure, of not placing a ceiling on the prices that EGSs can charge CAP customers is that the overall cost of PECO's CAP program will rise. Those increased costs will be borne by the residential class as a whole.

I believe that the price ceiling proposed by PECO justly maintains affordability for CAP participants. Further, I believe that the price ceiling proposed by PECO represents a prudent policy to assure that PECO's CAP program costs do not significantly increase. As such, I will dissent, in part.

**January 9, 2014**  
**Date**

  
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**Gladys M. Brown, Commissioner**

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<sup>1</sup> In 2011 and 2012, PECO's CAP program was the most expensive in Pennsylvania, with gross costs of \$100 million and \$94 million respectively. The second most expensive CAP program in the Commonwealth for 2011 and 2012 was PPL's, totaling \$53 million and \$47 million respectively. See the Commission's 2012 Report on Universal Service Programs and Collections Performance.