

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Petition of PPL Electric Corporation (PPL)
for Approval of its Act 129 Phase II Energy
Efficiency and Conservation Plan**

**Public Meeting - March 6, 2014
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Docket No. M-2012-2334388**


STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER

Before the Public Utility Commission (Commission) today is the Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL or Company) seeking approval for changes to its Act 129 Phase II Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan (EE&C Plan). In the Petition, PPL is seeking approval for forty modifications to their existing EE&C Plan.

I am supportive of staff's recommendation to approve some of the "minor" and "non-minor" modifications requested. I would like to highlight the fact that a number of PPL's alterations shift their program's focus to measures that will provide deeper, long-lasting energy efficiency improvements. For example, PPL will establish a pilot program that comprehensively evaluates up to three all-electric master metered, low income, multifamily buildings. In addition, the Company is establishing a thermography pilot as well as providing thermal imaging guns and training for home energy audits. As I stated when this Commission approved moving forward with Phase II, whole building approaches like the ones described above represent the best long term investment of Act 129 dollars and I applaud PPL for allocating more resources into these programs.

With that said, however, it is not lost on me that a major part of the reason PPL was able to propose these modifications was a significant underestimation of its Phase I carryover savings. The Company's original estimated Phase I carryover of 110,000 MWh per year has, upon verification, increased to 551,000 MWh per year. As these carryover figures may likely be used to help determine the compliance targets in future phases of EE&C Plans, it is imperative that we have data that is as timely and accurate as possible. To that end, I ask that PPL work with the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator to develop methods to ensure the estimated carryover calculation methodology improves in Phase II.

DATE: March 6, 2014


PAMELA A. WITMER
COMMISSIONER