

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission, *et al.* v. PECO Energy
Company – Electric Division

Public Meeting: December 17, 2015
2468981 - OSA
Docket Nos. R-2015-2468981, *et al.*

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) today for consideration is the Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge Angela T. Jones recommending approval of a Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement) that disposes of all issues related to PECO Energy Company's request for a base rate increase, as well as Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions filed thereto.

I commend the parties in this case for reaching a settlement that is both reasonable and comprehensive. Included in the Settlement is a provision calling for a Revenue Decoupling Collaborative. A similar provision was included in PPL Electric Utilities' recent base rate case that was approved by the Commission on November 17, 2015.¹

As I have stated before, this is an important issue to examine, and the efforts undertaken by the parties in this case and the PPL rate case will dovetail nicely with an upcoming hearing the Commission will be announcing on alternative ratemaking. I also note that a Resolution was recently passed at the NARUC Annual Meeting in Austin, TX creating a staff subcommittee on Rate Design.²

The time has come to better align rate structures in a way that equally benefits all stakeholders, including ratepayers, utilities and the environmental community. The parties' commitment in this case to further study this issue is an important step towards achieving that goal.



**ROBERT F. POWELSON
COMMISSIONER**

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¹ *Pa. Public Utility Comm'n, et al. v. PPL Electric Utilities Corp.*, Docket No. R-2015-2469275 (Opinion and Order entered November 19, 2015 at 14).

² *See generally*

<http://www.naruc.org/Resolutions/Resolution%20to%20Create%20a%20NARUC%20Staff%20Subcommittee%20on%20Rate%20Design.pdf>.