Brent Groce

325 S 25th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 200-1350 brent@alltogethernowpa.org

April 27, 2020

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor P0 Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Comments to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissions Tentative Implementation Order - Docket No. M-2020-3015228

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are comments regarding the implementation of phase IV of Act 129.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Brent Groce

brent@alltogethernowpa.org

(215) 200-1350

My organization, All Together Now Pennsylvania is a big supporter of Act 129 and energy efficiency generally throughout the state. As the Renewable Energy Coalition Coordinator for ATN-PA, I realize that energy efficiency is a crucial step prior to, or in concert with, deployment of renewable energy resources. The most cost-effective energy is the energy we avoid using.

For that reason, we encourage the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to demand that utilities deploy all tools at their disposal. These include, among other things, Demand Response measures and Time of Use tariffs. Reducing periods of high demand can help to reduce stress on aging grid infrastructure and prevent blackouts. And, with nearly ubiquitous smart meters this is relatively easily facilitated and should be required in a more robust way of all the utilities.

Likewise, I urge Pennsylvania electric utilities to further commit to "Time of Use" pricing where residents can pay less for electricity during times of low demand. This dynamic pricing structure is facilitated by the use of smart meters and gives residents the option to purchase cheaper electricity while reducing peak demand.

Please increase the deployment and usage of smart meters in order to most effectively reduce peak demand electricity consumption, saving consumers money on electricity and reducing the air pollution associated with electricity generation.

Thank you for your service to the state.