

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Public Utility Service Moratorium;
COVID-19 Cost Tracking and Creation
of Regulatory Asset**

**Public Meeting July 15, 2021
3019244-LAW & 3019262-LAW
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**Suspension of Regulatory and Statutory
Deadlines; Modification Filing and Service
Requirements**

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE

Today the Commission takes action to acknowledge the upcoming expiration of our temporary regulatory authority. Over the course of the COVID Pandemic the Commission issued numerous iterations of temporary policy orders to ensure that utility service was maintained, utility bills were affordable, and that the Commission was able to prudently effectuate its public duties. I would like to commend all Commission Staff and my fellow colleagues for their tireless efforts to navigate through these extraordinary policies.

The Commonwealth has taken definitive steps to move us forward toward normalcy; with mask mandates lifted, businesses opening, and vaccination numbers increasing. It is under this context that the General Assembly and the Governor have modified the underlying legal foundation giving this Commission extraordinary regulatory accommodation. First, the passage of House Resolution 106 ended the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on June 10th. Also, the passage of House Bill 854 extended Commonwealth Agencies' temporary regulatory authority until September 30, 2021.

I am pleased to take this step today officially acknowledging the finite expiration of our temporary COVID policy powers as of September 30th. I highlight that all Commission Orders issued under our temporary authority before September 30th will remain in force and effect even if such orders directed measures which continue past September 30th.

Thank you.



July 15, 2021
DATE

GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE, CHAIRMAN