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REFER TO OUR FILE

M-2025-3052827

February 21, 2025

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Re: Release of the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Market Potential & Demand Response Potential Studies
Docket No. M-2025-3052827

In its planning for a potential Phase V of the Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program, the Commission directed the Statewide Evaluator to conduct an energy efficiency market potential study to determine the remaining opportunities for cost effective electricity savings in the service areas of the four Pennsylvania electric distribution companies (EDCs) that are subject to the energy efficiency requirements of Act 129.¹

The Commission also directed its Statewide Evaluator to perform a demand response potential study to determine if there is potential for peak demand reduction as a component of the Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program.

With this Secretarial Letter, the Commission is releasing publicly the *Pennsylvania Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Market Potential Study* and the *Pennsylvania Act 129 Demand Response Potential Study*. Both studies will be published at Docket No. M-2025-3052827 and on the Commission's website at http://www.puc.pa.gov/filing_resources/issues_laws_regulations/act_129_information/act_129_state_wide_evaluator_swe.aspx.

The Commission was charged by the Pennsylvania General Assembly with establishing an energy efficiency and conservation program. The energy efficiency and conservation program requires each EDC with at least 100,000 customers to adopt a plan to reduce energy demand and consumption within its service territory. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1. The Commission was also charged with the responsibility to evaluate the costs and benefits of the energy efficiency and conservation program by November 30, 2013 and every five years thereafter. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(c)(3).

Additionally, the Commission, by November 30, 2013 and every five years thereafter, was to determine if the benefits of peak demand reduction programs exceed the costs and, if so, was to set additional incremental requirements for reduction in peak demand for the 100 hours of greatest demand or an alternative reduction approved by the Commission. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(d)(2).

¹ See, *Request for Proposals – Act 129 Statewide Evaluator*, RFP-2020-2, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission – Bureau of Technical Utility Services, (November 30, 2020).

Any questions regarding the release of the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Market Potential & Demand Response Potential Studies should be directed to Joe Sherrick at 717-787-5369 or josherrick@pa.gov.

Sincerely,


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