

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

**Act 129 Energy Efficiency &  
Conservation Phase V  
Implementation Order**

**Public Meeting of June 18, 2025  
Agenda No. 3052826-TUS  
Docket No. M-2025-3052826**

**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN STEPHEN M. DeFRANK**

Before us for consideration today is a Final Implementation Order for Phase V of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Programs established by Act 129 of 2008. First of all, I would like to thank Commission staff and the consultants from our Statewide Evaluator for all the hard work that went into getting us to this point. I would also like to express my appreciation for all the parties who commented on this proceeding, providing us with a robust and diverse record.

The energy landscape in Pennsylvania right now is full of challenges, but also opportunities. The tremendous load growth expected to come from data centers and related infrastructure may reshape our entire grid. Done properly, this new development may foster economic growth and allow for significant infrastructure investments in our electric system. Done prudently, Pennsylvania could reap those benefits while limiting or lowering transmission costs for existing customers.

I have said on several occasions that we will need to use every tool in the toolbox to achieve those goals, and our Act 129 programs are one of those tools. These programs have seen a number of iterations over the years. Some measures have made more or less sense and been shown to be more or less cost effective in different periods. In this fifth phase of Act 129, I am pleased to see the inclusion of a daily load-shifting peak demand reduction program. As we are having serious conversations about resource adequacy for the first time in many years, demand-side programs like these may be extremely useful in minimizing peak loads. I also appreciate the inclusion of managed electric vehicle charging in this phase.

I will not go through all the measures included in these programs in detail. I simply conclude by saying that the next few years may be some of the most challenging and exciting that we have seen in some time for our electric grid. The entire industry, from customers and utilities to regulators and legislators, will need to be creative and adaptable to maximize the opportunities and minimize the risks in front of us. I believe the Final Implementation Order today is an important piece of that effort and look forward to working with all stakeholders as we move towards program implementation.

**June 18, 2025**  
**Date**

  
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**Stephen M. DeFrank**  
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