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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Re: Act 129 Phase V Data Sharing Working Group

On June 18, 2025, the Commission issued the Act 129 Phase V Final Implementation Order, at Docket No. M-2025-3052826, which included a requirement that the Bureau of Technical Utility Services (TUS), the Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) and the Law Bureau convene an Act 129 data sharing working group within 45 days of the issuance of the Order. On July 11, 2025, the Commission issued a Secretarial Letter announcing that an initial data sharing working group meeting would be held on July 23, 2025. Present at the July 23rd meeting were staff from the Commission's appropriate bureaus, the electric distribution companies (EDCs), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA).

This initial meeting was held to discuss the sharing of customer data between the EDCs and DEP related to DEP's Home Energy Rebates (HER) and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) Programs. The focus of the meeting was to reach consensus on the type and scope of data being requested by the EDCs and DEP to facilitate the implementation of the HER and HEAR programs. The following areas were identified as topics for continued working group discussion:

- What are the data elements needed by the programs?
- Is there authority for the data to be shared?
- What entities collect and/or retain the data?
- What consumer protections are in place or need to be enacted?

During discussions, DEP outlined the customer data that it desires to obtain from the EDCs to efficiently implement the HER and HEAR programs, such as a list of customers who are enrolled in EDC's low-income customer assistance programs (CAP), customer usage data, and housing typology and usage data for multi-tenant housing. DEP stated that it would share this data with its HEAR Program Administrator and would share the same data with its HER Program Administrator once one is selected.

Participants at the meeting agreed that there should be affirmative customer acknowledgement and consent before any customer data can be shared for the DEP programs. In addition, the EDCs noted that issues related to cost, format, technical, and legal requirements must be addressed.

The meeting concluded with a discussion regarding working group participants and a letter filed by CAUSE-PA. On July 18, 2025, CAUSE-PA filed a letter requesting clarification of staff action related to the Act 129 Data Sharing Working Group. In its letter, CAUSE-PA requested “that the Commission clarify the intended process for the inclusion of all stakeholders and identify next steps for developing data sharing policies and procedures that will provide a direct benefit to consumers and protect consumer privacy.” (CAUSE-PA Letter, p.2). DEP and the EDCs, the principal entities proposing to exchange data, suggested that extending an invitation to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and CAUSE-PA would be appropriate, as each of those entities likely oversees or possesses some of the data in question.

Commission staff agrees with the suggestion to invite DCED, DHS, and CAUSE-PA to actively participate in future Act 129 Data Sharing Working Group meetings and will make the appropriate contacts. Additionally, TUS staff will provide summaries of each working group meeting to all interested parties served herein.

The next meeting of the Act 129 Data Sharing Working Group is scheduled for September 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., via TEAMS. Log-in information will be provided in a separate communication.

Any questions regarding the Act 129 Data Sharing Working Group should be directed to Joe Sherrick at 717-787-5369 or josherrick@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



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