

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

**Petition of Duquesne Light Company for
Approval of its Act 129 Phase V Energy
Efficiency and Conservation Plan**

**Public Meeting held March 26, 2026
3057325-OSA
Docket No. M-2025-3057325**

STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIR KIMBERLY BARROW

This matter comes before us for review of a settlement reached in Duquesne Light Company's (DLC) Act 129 Phase V Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan (EE&C Plan) proceeding. I begin by thanking the parties, our Office of Administrative Law Judges, and the Office of Special Assistants for working so diligently to meet the meaningful procedural deadlines set forth in our *Phase V Procedural Order*.¹

In our *Phase V Implementation Order*, we stressed the importance of Pennsylvania electric distribution companies collaborating, rather than competing, with other program administrators. *Phase V Implementation Order* at 158-59, 166-68.

I commend the parties for strengthening DLC's EE&C Plan proposed measures that address collaboration efforts via robust settlement provisions. Not only has DLC agreed to stakeholder discussions on coordination and braiding with other state and local programs and related coordination topics, DLC will continue ongoing discussions with community-based and weatherization/repair organizations in its service territory.

Another important aspect of the settlement is DLC's inclusion of high efficiency heat pump and heat pump water heater measures available to the Home Electrification and Appliances Rebate (HEAR) program managed by the DEP Energy Programs Offices. The settlement reinforces DLC's commitment to unlocking rebate braiding or stacking through continued identification and execution of bundled funding pathways during Phase V implementation.

I commend DLC's commitment to working with other entities in compliance with our *Phase V Implementation Order*. I believe such coordination efforts will result in maximizing the impact of DLC's EE&C Plan.

March 26, 2026



Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair

¹ On February 20, 2025, the Commission issued a Tentative Implementation Order (*Phase V Tentative Implementation Order*) at Docket No. M-2025-3052826, for Phase V of the EE&C Program. Following the submittal and review of comments, on June 18, 2025, the Commission issued a Final Implementation Order at that same docket number (*Phase V Implementation Order*). Finally, on September 4, 2025, the Commission issued an Order addressing requests for reconsideration, clarification and modification of our prior orders in this docket with regard to the procedural timelines for the submission and review of Phase V EE&C Plans (*Phase V Procedures Order*).