TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Re: Extension of Comment Period for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program and EDC Plans

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) will extend the period for interested parties and stakeholders to submit comments as part of the first phase of the Act 129 of 2008 implementation plan. Comments are now due by November 3, 2008, and not October 31, 2008, as previously announced.

The Commission is soliciting comments on each of the individual aspects of the energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) program required under section 2806.1(a)(1)-(11). The Commission seeks stakeholder input on likely procedural, technical, interpretive, and implementation issues; measurement of EDC compliance; and the level of detail required for providing adequate direction to EDCs in regard to their plans. While the associated EDC program filings under section 2806.1(b) are not due until July 1, 2009, parties may include comments on the section 2806.1(b) requirements if such comments have a bearing on developing the EE&C program.

On October 15, 2008, Governor Rendell signed HB 2200 into law as Act 129 of 2008, with an effective date of November 14, 2008. The Act expands the Commission’s oversight responsibilities and imposes new requirements on electric distribution companies (EDCs). In order to comply with the Act in an orderly and efficient manner, the Commission will implement the Act in phases. After reviewing the comments filed in this docket, Commission staff will formulate and distribute a draft staff proposal regarding the EE&C program in late November 2008. To provide for further opportunity for stakeholder input on the draft staff proposal prior to finalization of Commission’s implementation plan, Commission staff will convene a working group meeting in mid-December 2008. The Commission order implementing the mandated EE&C program must be entered by January 15, 2009.
If there are any questions regarding the timeline or filing dates for this docket, please contact Louise Fink Smith, finksmith@state.pa.us, 717-787-8866, or Kriss Brown, kribrown@statepa.us, 717-787-4518, in the Commission’s Law Bureau.

1 The mailbox rule does not apply. Comments must be filed in hard copy, with an accompanying electronic version on disk, with the Commission’s Secretary, and courtesy hard and electronic copies must be provided to the Commission’s Bureau of Fixed Utility Services (FUS), Bureau of Conservation, Economics, and Energy Planning (CEEP), and Law Bureau (Law).

2 Section 2806.1 does not apply to EDCs with fewer than 100,000 customers. Nonetheless, all EDCs and other interested parties may submit comments.

3 The exact date will be announced later.

Very truly yours,

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