

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265**

**Re: Petition of PECO Energy
Company for Approval to
Procure Solar Alternative
Energy Credits**

**Public Meeting: August 27, 2009
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STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN CAWLEY

Before the Commission is the Petition of PECO Energy Company (PECO) for approval to procure up to 8,000 solar Tier 1 alternative energy credits annually for a ten-year period through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. I commend PECO for taking the initiative to kick start the process to comply with the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act (AEPS) through this innovative competitive bid process.

I also commend the parties for working together constructively to resolve all disputes in this proceeding. Their efforts are likely to lead to very positive outcomes while advancing Pennsylvania's development of alternative energy sources at the least cost possible.

With PECO's fully litigated and approved "template" in place, I strongly encourage the other major electric utilities to build upon this effort by promptly filing similar solar procurement programs to ensure the development of solar energy in Pennsylvania.

August 27, 2009

James H. Cawley
Chairman