

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Act 127 – Gas and Hazardous Liquids  
Pipelines Act

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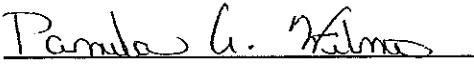
**JOINT STATEMENT OF  
CHAIRMAN ROBERT F. POWELSON  
AND COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER**

Before the Commission today is a Tentative Order implementing provisions of the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act (Act), which Governor Corbett signed into law on December 22.

The health and safety of the Commonwealth's citizens and environment is of paramount importance to this Commission. Our new responsibilities under this Act are critical to ensuring that the pipeline infrastructure, which is so important to realizing the full potential of the Commonwealth's natural gas resources, is developed and operated safely. We firmly believe this Commission stands ready to meet the challenge.

As we develop this new program, it is critical that we hear from all interested parties as to how the Commission should implement the Act. For a new program as crucial to Pennsylvania as this, it is particularly important that we receive the best information possible before moving forward.

  
ROBERT F. POWELSON  
CHAIRMAN

  
PAMELA A. WITMER  
COMMISSIONER

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2012