

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

**Policy Statement in Support
of Pennsylvania Solar
Projects**

**Public Meeting November 6, 2009
C-0020**

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Today we are issuing for comment a proposed Policy Statement designed to support solar projects throughout the Commonwealth. I wish to be clear that, in issuing this Policy Statement, we are in no way expanding the current Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards ("AEPS") requirements, nor are we advocating for an expansion of those requirements.

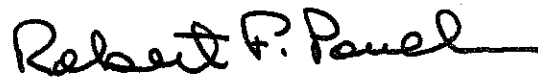
The goal of this Policy Statement is to provide price transparency for small solar projects in order to make it easier to for those projects to sell their solar renewable energy credits ("SRECs"). I believe our actions today represent the "all hands on deck" approach necessary to meet the Commonwealth's AEPS goals. It will also provide the necessary framework for creating long-term contracts necessary to grow this industry by providing financial security needed to finance solar projects.

Further, I believe this policy will dovetail perfectly with the Act 1 grants provided for by the Legislature and Governor under Pennsylvania's Energy Independence Strategy and administered by the Department of Environmental Protection.

In this context I support the Chairman's initiative. However, I reiterate, this is not an endorsement of House Bill 80 or any other efforts to expand the current solar requirements.

I look forward to reviewing all interested parties' comments on this very important issue.

DATE: November 6, 2009



**ROBERT F. POWELSON
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