

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105**

**JOINT DEFAULT SERVICE
PROGRAM OF CITIZENS'
ELECTRIC COMPANY OF
LEWISBURG, PA AND WELLSBORO
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE
PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2010 THROUGH
MAY 31, 2013**

**Public Meeting February 25, 2010
2110780-OSA
Docket No. P-2009-2110780**

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Before us today for consideration is the Joint Default Service Plan of Citizens' Electric Company of Lewisburg, PA and Wellsboro Electric Company ("Companies"). As part of their Plan, the Companies proposed a component that provided for an abbreviated process for Commission review that would enable the Companies to enter into multi-year contracts should market conditions make such contracts prudent.

The Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") opposed this proposal on the grounds that 30 days would not provide for enough time to fully evaluate any proposals nor would it afford the necessary due process.

While I ultimately agree with the OSBA's position, I applaud the Companies' outside-the-box thinking and encourage them to remain creative and aggressive in their power purchasing strategy. Our decision today does not prevent the Companies from requesting approval of a deviation from the approved Plan, as Allegheny Energy did last year. I believe that the Commission demonstrated in those instances that it has the ability to move quickly to allow a company flexibility in order to take advantage of favorable market conditions. We will certainly be able to again move quickly in the future, under the right conditions, if such action is appropriate.

DATED: February 25, 2010

**Robert F. Powelson
Commissioner**