

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

**Implementation of Act 129 of
2008 – Relating to Smart
Meter Procurement and
Installation**

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**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Today we take another important step in implementing Act 129 of 2008 – setting forth standards for smart meter deployment.

If we are serious about “consumer-driven” electricity here in the Commonwealth, we need to work aggressively to ensure advanced metering infrastructure (“AMI”) and dynamic pricing deliver their intended benefits to businesses and residential ratepayers alike.

To achieve that goal, I strongly encourage all EDCs to deploy smart meter technologies and the required communications networks as rapidly as possible in order to give customers the ability to monitor and effectuate changes in their usage patterns.

Further, well-constructed time-of-use and real-time rate structures, implemented on a timely basis, will offer residential and small commercial customers the potential to alter their behavior in response to the true costs of electricity going forward. To be frank, it is pointless to have smart meters if you are still going to have “dumb” rates.

Lastly, I would like to compliment the Law Bureau on drafting a very clear and concise Implementation Order for smart meter deployment.

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