

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Revision of Pa. Code Chapter 57 Pertaining to Adding
Inspection, Maintenance, Repair and Replacement
Standards for Electric Distribution Companies**

**PUBLIC MEETING
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Docket No. L-00040167**

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KIM PIZZINGRILLI

In passing the Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act (the Act), the General Assembly emphasized that electric distribution companies should continue to ensure the safe and reliable provision of electric service to all customers. 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 2802(12), 2804(1), 2807(d). To achieve this objective, the Commission was charged with establishing inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement standards via regulation for the electric transmission and distribution system. 66 Pa.C.S. § 2802(20).

The Commission has previously promulgated regulations to establish reliability benchmarks and reporting requirements. *Rulemaking Re Amending Electric Service Reliability Regulations at 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57*, Docket L-00030161 (Final Rulemaking Order entered May 7, 2004). However, we had not promulgated specific regulations on the inspection, repair and maintenance of facilities.

These rules are the result of a process in which many comments have been filed and where there has been an extensive dialogue between staff and stakeholders. I commend all those involved for their efforts. I believe these rules reasonably balance the interests of all parties and serve the public interest by fostering safe and reliable electric service.

May 22, 2008

Date

KIM PIZZINGRILLI, COMMISSIONER