

**Statement of Chairman James H. Cawley  
on Passage of House Bill 2200  
October 9, 2008**

What a momentous day for Pennsylvania! Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature, demand-side resources will now be a true part of Pennsylvania's energy future.

This Commission has a lot of work to do. The legislation gives the Commission 9½ weeks to adopt provisions to shape an energy efficiency and conservation program for the Commonwealth.

Fortunately, the Commission has already scheduled an *en banc* hearing for Thursday, November 13, 2008, on energy conservation and related issues. Yesterday's passage of HB 2200 necessarily and dramatically changes the focus of that hearing. My colleagues and I will now consider whether to issue a new set of questions for the hearing focusing on specific issues in the new legislation, including required contents of the utility plans, the review process, the evaluation requirements, the cost benefit analysis, the Commission's forecast of utility retail sales for June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010, the cost recovery mechanism, the registry of conservation service providers, and other provisions in the new law.

Together with interested parties, this Commission will undertake these new responsibilities with enthusiasm, and we shall justify the Governor's and the Legislature's confidence in us.

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James H. Cawley  
Chairman