**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265**

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| **Administrator for the Alternative Energy Credit Program** |  | **Public Meeting held June 3, 2010****2172251-BAS****Docket No.**  |

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER WAYNE E. GARDNER**

The Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004 was signed into law on November 30, 2004. The Act authorized this Commission to retain an independent entity to perform administrative functions necessary to implement the then newly enacted statute. Today we approve the recommendation that was forwarded to us by an independent RFP Evaluation Committee for an Alternative Energy Credit Program Contractor to certify, track, and report alternative energy credits utilized by our EDCs and EGSs.

The RFP process was carried out in a transparent and fair manner pursuant to the Commonwealth’s contracting provisions.

The issues raised by my colleague with regard to the winning contractor stem from what was admittedly a lack of clear direction and processes in the first Alternative Energy Credit Program contract which expires this September. As we enter into negotiations of the terms of the instant contract, we now have six years of real-time experience which will allow us to better craft detailed and comprehensive contract terms that will specify what is expected of the Program Administrator and the processes that will be followed should expectations not be met.

Based on the technical score assigned to Clean Power Markets by the independent RFP evaluation committee using the Commonwealth’s scoring criteria, and the fact that this Commission now has working experience with how to structure an alternative credit registry, I have no doubt that working together, CPM and the PUC will carry out the duties assigned by the AEPS Act in a professional manner.

 **June 3, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Date Wayne E. Gardner, Commissioner**