COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



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September 7, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re:

Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company for an Evidentiary

Hearing on the Energy Efficiency

Benchmarks For the Period June 1, 2013

through May 31, 2016

Docket Nos. P-2012-2320450; P-2012-

2320468; P-2012-2320480; P-2012-2320484

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Prehearing Memorandum in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Assistant Consumer Advocate

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Enclosures

cc: Hon. Elizabeth H. Barnes, ALJ Certificate of Service

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company,

Pennsylvania Electric Company,

Pennsylvania Power Company and : Docket Nos. P-2012-2320450
West Penn Power Company for an Evidentiary : P-2012-2320468
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For the Period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016 : P-2012-2320484

PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to Section 333 of the Public Utility Code, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) provides the following information:

I. INTRODUCTION

On August 20, 2012, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and West Penn Power Company (collectively the Companies) filed a Joint Petition for an Evidentiary Hearing on the Energy Efficiency Benchmarks Established for the Period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016. Pursuant to Act 129 of 2008 (Act 129), 66 Pa. C.S. § 2801, et seq., the August 3rd Implementation Order (Order) established the requirements for Phase II of the Act 129 Energy Efficiency plans, including the establishment of consumption reduction targets for the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016. The Order stated that an EDC could submit a Petition for Evidentiary Hearing no later than August 20, 2012 for the limited purpose of challenging these consumption reduction requirements. If no Petition was filed, the consumption reduction requirements would be deemed accepted. Order at 31.

II. HISTORY OF THE PROCEEDING

On August 30, 2012, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed an Intervention and Public Statement. On August 30, 2012, Shaun A. Sparks and Krystle J. Sacavage filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Statewide Evaluator (SWE). Also on August 30, 2012, Petitions to Intervene were filed by Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture), Clean Air Council/Sierra Club, the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA), and the Joint Petition to Intervene of the Met-Ed Industrial Users Group (MEIUG), the Penelec Industrial Customer Alliance (PICA), the Penn Power Users Group (PPUG) and the West Penn Power Industrial Intervenors (WPPII).

The case was assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge and further assigned to ALJ Elizabeth H. Barnes. On August 29, 2012, ALJ Barnes issued a Prehearing Conference Order, and the Prehearing Conference was set in this matter for September 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The OCA files this prehearing memorandum in accordance with ALJ Barnes' Prehearing Conference Order.

III. ISSUES AND SUB-ISSUES

Pursuant to the Commission's August 3rd Implementation Order, the scope of this proceeding is limited to consumption reduction requirements. The OCA will examine this issue. The Consumer Advocate seeks to protect the interests of FirstEnergy's customers and to ensure that the consumption reduction requirements are in accordance with Act 129.

IV. SETTLEMENT

The OCA is willing to engage in settlement discussions with the Parties.

V. WITNESSES

The OCA may present the direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony of Mr. Geoffrey Crandall in this proceeding. If necessary, Mr. Crandall will present testimony in written form and also will attach various exhibits and explanatory documents which will assist in the presentation of the OCA's case. In order to expedite the resolution of this proceeding, the OCA requests that copies of all interrogatories, testimony, and answers to interrogatories be mailed directly to Mr. Crandall at the following address, as well as mailing copies to counsel for the OCA.

> Geoffrey Crandall MSB Energy Associates, Inc. Suite 204 1800 Parmenter Street Middleton, WI 53562-1127 E-mail: Crandall@msbnrg.com

The OCA specifically reserves the right to call additional witnesses, as necessary. As soon as the OCA has determined whether an additional witness or witnesses will be necessary for any portion of its case, all parties of record will be notified.

VI. SERVICE ON THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

The OCA will be represented in this case by Christy M. Appleby and Candis A. Tunilo. Two copies of all documents should be served on the OCA as follows:

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As a courtesy, the OCA requests that all electronic correspondence be copied to Cammie Shoen (cshoen@paoca.org).

VII. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The OCA is willing to work with all parties to develop a mutually agreeable procedural schedule. The OCA does request, however, that the hearings in the FirstEnergy Companies case be coordinated with other pending cases regarding this issue (Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for an Evidentiary Hearing at Docket No. P-2012-2320369 and Petition of PECO Energy Company for an Evidentiary Hearing at Docket No. P-2012-2320334) to avoid the need for witnesses, including the Statewide Evaluator, to make multiple trips for the hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Prehearing Memorandum, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 7th day of September 2012.

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