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Re:

Implementation of the Alternative Energy Portfolio standards Act of 2004:

Standards for the Participation of Demand Side Management Resources –

Technical Reference Manual 2013 Update

Docket Nos. M-2012-2313373 and M-00051865

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order entered September 13, 2012, in the above-captioned proceeding, enclosed herewith for filing are the Reply Comments of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy J. Kolich

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REPLY COMMENTS OF METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY. PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY AND WEST PENN POWER COMPANY

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 13, 2012, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") entered a Tentative Order in the above-referenced matter seeking comments to the proposed updates to the 2013 Technical Reference Manual ("TRM") that will be applied to electric distribution companies ("EDCs") Phase II Energy Efficiency and Conservation ("EE&C") Plans from June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014. The Commission directed that comments be submitted within thirty days of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, and that reply comments be filed forty days thereafter, which deadline was subsequently extended to November 15, 2012. The Tentative Order was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on September 29, 2012.

Metropolitan Edison Company ("Met-Ed"), Pennsylvania Electric Company ("Penelec"), Pennsylvania Power Company ("Penn Power") and West Penn Power Company ("West Penn") (collectively, "the Companies") respectfully submit the following reply comments related to the Commission's Tentative Order.

II. REPLY COMMENTS

A. National Housing Trust ("NHT") / Pennsylvania Housing Financing Agency ("PHFA")

NHT/PHFA raise the question of whether the "deemed savings for air sealing and insulation in multifamily housing" also apply to multi-family units. While the Companies are fully supportive of including savings from multifamily facilities of all sizes, and application of the Technical Reference Manual ("TRM") formulas for measures such as insulation as appropriate, the TRM does not specify "deemed" savings processes for estimation of seal-up or whole building impacts. This is consistent with the ENERGYSTAR® protocol for home performance programs. Therefore, rather than adopt new savings protocols, the Companies recommend the continued estimation of savings impacts using applicable protocols and standards pending development of supported deemed savings through the working group process.

B. Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance ("KEEA")

1. Impact of Weather – TRM Section 1.16

In its Comments, KEEA questions the applicability of mapping Pennsylvania cities to California climate zones as demonstrated in Table 1-2. The Companies share similar concerns regarding utilizing California Climate Zones, and notes that, based on their review of the TRM, it is unclear where and how Table 1-2 was used to develop savings estimates. The Companies suggest that the Commission direct the Statewide Evaluator ("SWE") and Program Evaluation Group ("PEG") to: i) review how Table 1-2 is used; ii) justify appropriate mapping of California climate zones and studies to Pennsylvania; iii) support adjustment to factors impacted by Table 1-2 as appropriate; and iv) if used in the TRM, include references to its use. The Companies

¹ KEEA Comments at 2, 5-6.

recommend that the Commission resolve these issues prior to adopting changes impacted by Table 1-2.

2. **Burdensome Savings Estimation Procedures**

KEEA suggests, in several sections, refinement of savings estimation procedures that will burden program processes while not improving the accuracy of overall program savings estimates.² KEEA recommends using customer specific information to estimate savings through processes such as billing analysis. Adopting KEEA's recommendation would increase barriers to participation in Act 129 programs by increasing the information needed to estimate savings, which in turn would increase the time needed to complete applications and the time needed by the Companies to review the applications and issue any incentives. KEEA has not demonstrated that expanding program processes will improve accuracy of program savings estimates. Therefore, in balancing the interest of having customers participate in user-friendly energy efficiency programs with the small improvement that might be made on the accuracy of program savings, the Companies believe that savings estimation procedures do not need to be expanded.

C. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL")

The Companies support and reinforce PPL's comments on Commercial and Industrial lighting protocols and support continued use of 2012 TRM until such time as Pennsylvaniaspecific primary data support proposed changes (i.e., need for change, and proposed values are supported by a Pennsylvania-specific metering study).³ For example, dusk-to-dawn hours were reduced by 11% to 3,833 hours per year based on references to the Ohio TRM. The Commission should not reduce this value based on the Ohio TRM because Ohio has not adopted a TRM – the referenced document is a draft from Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, which "assumes

² See e.g. KEEA Comments at §§ 2, 7 and 11. ³ PP& L Comments at 9 - 13.

10.5 hours per day; typical average for photocell control." In addition, the current value is based

on regional daylight hours in Pennsylvania. Lastly, Company evaluations to date support high

realization rates for lighting and as such, does not support the need for a change in average

values or building type classifications for C&I lighting. Therefore, the Commission should

continue with the current TRM related to Commercial and Industrial lighting protocols.

III. CONCLUSION

Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power

Company and West Penn Power Company appreciate the opportunity to provide reply comments

on the Commission's Tentative Order regarding the 2013 Technical Reference Manual. The

Companies look forward to working with the Commission and the other parties on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 15, 2012

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