

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Petition of PPL Electric Corporation  
for Approval of its Act 129 Phase II Energy  
Efficiency and Conservation Plan

Public Meeting - March 6, 2014  
2334388 - OSA  
Docket No. M-2012-2334388

STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JAMES H. CAWLEY


Before us is the Petition of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) seeking approval for changes to its Act 129 Phase II Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan. PPL has sought approval for forty modifications to its existing EE&C Plan.

I commend PPL for its plan modifications that expand upon the existing plan's focus on measures that will provide deeper, long-lasting energy efficiency improvements, as noted by my colleague. PPL's proposal to focus on emerging lighting technologies, while moving away from existing CFLs and T-8 technology that are already well established in the marketplace, will enhance Pennsylvania's goals of customer installation of the most energy efficient and reliable lighting sources, while reducing the "free ridership" elements of these measures. PPL is taking similar steps to embrace higher efficiency standards with regard to its refrigerator rebate programs.

Lastly, PPL is also requiring utility pre-approval prior to customer placement of equipment orders for commercial and industrial measures in the Prescriptive Equipment Program and the Custom Incentive Program. This step again helps to contain instances of "free-ridership" that better ensures that ratepayer dollars drive real change in energy efficient investments, as opposed to merely subsidizing a project that was going to occur even in the absence of these program incentives.

It is good policy to constantly review these plans to ensure that they embrace the latest, cost effective market opportunities, focus on long lasting savings measures, eliminate under-performing measures, and modify design elements that reduce "free-ridership." PPL and other interested parties in this proceeding deserve plaudits for their efforts.

DATE: March 6, 2014

  
JAMES H. CAWLEY  
COMMISSIONER