STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

Before the Commission is the Act 129 of 2008 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Compliance Order (Order). With this Order the Commission progresses toward the conclusion of the second phase, or Phase II, of energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) programs. These steps include releasing the Phase II Final Report documenting initial results for the entirety of the phase, and, making initial determinations on electric distribution companies' (EDCs) compliance with various Phase II mandates. I would like to highlight some of the initial results and determinations being released by the Commission.

Over the three year Phase II time-period commencing June 1, 2013, EDCs achieved a total of 3,370,673 MWhs of electricity reductions. These usage reductions include 459,581 MWh from Governmental/Educational/Non-Profit customers, and 324,869 MWh from Low-Income customers. In aggregate the Phase II portfolio of programs resulted in a total of $2,194,356,000 in savings. This dollar figure produces a total resource cost test result of 1.7. Therefore, in total, these programs achieved $1.70 in savings for every $1.00 invested.

Additionally, with this Order the Commission makes an initial determination that all seven EDCs with EE&C programs have met the overall electric consumption reduction requirements, the Governmental/Educational/Non-Profit customer consumption reduction requirements, the Low-Income customer consumption reduction requirements, and the Low-Income customer measure requirements.

These initial results and determinations for Phase II demonstrate the success of EE&C programs. I commend Commission Staff, the EDCs, and the energy efficiency service providers across the state for their continued work in this arena. I look forward to reviewing any critique(s) of these initial results and determinations.

April 6, 2017
Date

Gladys M. Brown, Chairman

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1 As defined in §2806.1(m) – Total Resource Cost Test is a standard test that is met if, over the effective life of each plan, not to exceed 15 years, the net present value of the avoided monetary cost of supplying electricity is greater than the net present value of the monetary cost of energy efficiency conservation measures.