

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG PA 17120**

**Ratification of Emergency Order
Establishing Supplier Door-to-door
And In-Person Marketing Moratorium**

**Public Meeting held December 3, 2020
3019254-LAW
Docket No. M-2020-3019254**

STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID W. SWEET

In its petition, NRG asks the Commission to rescind that portion of its continuing moratorium on in-person sales and marketing activities at outdoor public events.

NRG's petition cites the relaxed occupancy for outdoor events where NRG might have its salespeople, which was true at the time of the filing of the petition. However, since that time, the number of people in this Commonwealth testing positive for COVID-19 has skyrocketed, and the Commonwealth is responding.

By Order issued November 23, 2020, the Wolf Administration tightened its restrictions on gatherings, reducing outdoor gatherings from 25% to 15% for venues holding zero to 2,000 people; from 20% to 10% for venues holding between 2001 and 10,000 people; and from 15% to 5% for venues holding over 10,000.

According to the City of Philadelphia's website, the restrictions there are even tighter. Philadelphia has limited outdoor gatherings to 10% of the venue's capacity, and the total number of people may not exceed 2,000 at any outdoor space. No food or beverages may be served in order for people to wear their masks without interruption.

With our health experts telling us that community spread is rampant, there is no logical reason to relax our moratorium on in-person sales, even at outdoor events, even with diligent attention to the requirements of social distancing and mask-wearing. This is simply not the time.

December 3, 2020
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