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COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING  
400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE  
M-2023-3044490  
M-2023-3044491

January 3, 2024

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Re: Act 129 Statewide Evaluator Energy Efficiency Baseline Studies and  
Act 129 2026 Technical Reference Manual Update Stakeholder Meetings  
Docket Nos. M-2023-3044490 and M-2023-3044491

With this Secretarial Letter, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) provides notice of two Act 129 Stakeholder Meetings on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and on Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in Hearing Room 1 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120.

The Commission was charged by the Pennsylvania General Assembly with establishing an energy efficiency and conservation program. The Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Program requires each electric distribution company (EDC) with at least 100,000 customers to adopt a plan to reduce energy demand and consumption within its service territory. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1. The Commission was also charged with the responsibility to evaluate the costs and benefits of the EE&C Program by November 30, 2013 and every five years thereafter. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2806.1(c)(3).

In its planning for a potential Phase V of the Act 129 EE&C Program, the Commission directed the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator (SWE) to conduct electric energy efficiency baseline studies for the residential and non-residential markets to establish penetration and saturation rates of various EE&C measures and products within the service areas of the seven Pennsylvania EDCs that are subject to the energy efficiency requirements of Act 129. The meeting scheduled for February 7 will allow the SWE to provide an overview of the methodologies and findings of the residential and non-residential baseline studies while also providing stakeholders the opportunity to pose questions regarding these studies. Attached is an agenda for the Act 129 Statewide Evaluator Energy Efficiency Baseline Studies Stakeholder Meeting.

In Phases I, II, and III, the Commission utilized the Technical Reference Manual (TRM) as a component of the EE&C Program evaluation process. In its Phase III Implementation Order<sup>1</sup>, the Commission recognized the importance of the continued use of the TRM updating process but decided that the TRM be applicable for the entirety of Phase III. Nonetheless, the Commission reserved the right to perform mid-phase updating if deemed necessary, such as in

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<sup>1</sup> See, *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Implementation Order*, at Docket No. M-2014-2424864, (Phase III Implementation Order) (June 19, 2015), at 95-98.

instances where major market or technology transformations affect the EE&C Programs and associated savings values.

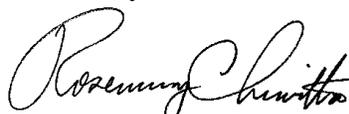
In Phase IV, the Commission continued to utilize the TRM as a component of the EE&C Program evaluation process. The Phase IV Implementation Order<sup>2</sup> and 2021 TRM Final Order<sup>3</sup> directed the SWE to provide an annual recommendation to the Commission regarding potential updates to the 2021 TRM based on changes to codes, standards, and ENERGY STAR specifications since the 2021 TRM was adopted. The Commission is now beginning the process of creating the 2026 TRM update.

The purpose of the February 8 meeting is to provide a preview of the Act 129 2026 Technical Reference Manual update and to inform stakeholders about changes to existing TRM measure protocols. Some of these proposed measures are being utilized by the EDCs in Phase IV as interim measure protocols (IMPs). Stakeholders will have the opportunity to discuss these and any other protocols and/or other TRM changes that are being sought. A brief discussion on the relative timing for issuing the draft and final versions of the 2026 TRM will be provided. Attached is an agenda for the Act 129 2026 Technical Reference Manual Update Stakeholder Meeting.

Both stakeholder meetings will be informal and as such, there will be no opportunity to participate via conference call and no written comments will be accepted.

Any questions regarding these stakeholder meetings should be directed to Joe Sherrick at 717-787-5369 or [josherrick@pa.gov](mailto:josherrick@pa.gov).

Sincerely,



Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

#### Attachment

cc: Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS  
Joseph Sherrick, Supervisor, TUS  
Kriss Brown, Attorney, LAW

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<sup>2</sup> See, *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Implementation Order* at Docket No. M-2020-3015228, (Phase IV Implementation Order) (June 18, 2020), at 98-99.

<sup>3</sup> See, *2021 TRM Update Final Order*, at Docket Number M-2019-3006867, (2021 TRM Order) (August 8, 2019), at 6-8. A copy of the currently applicable 2021 TRM can be found on the Commission's TRM page of its website at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-resources/issues-laws-regulations/act-129/technical-reference-manual/>



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**ACT 129 STATEWIDE EVALUATOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASELINE STUDIES  
STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

**COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING  
HEARING ROOM 1  
400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120  
FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 A.M. WELCOME – Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
- 9:35 A.M. INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS
- 9:40 A.M. PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASELINE STUDY DRAFT – Sam Manning and Kailey Pratt, Statewide Evaluator
- 10:40 A.M. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASELINE STUDY DRAFT – Sam Manning, Kailey Pratt, and Greg Clendenning, Statewide Evaluator
- 11:40 A.M. BREAK
- 1:00 P.M. PRESENTATION OF NON-RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASELINE STUDY DRAFT – Jesse Smith and Tim Larsen, Statewide Evaluator
- 2:00 P.M. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION REGARDING NON-RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASELINE STUDY DRAFT – Jesse Smith, Tim Larsen and Greg Clendenning, Statewide Evaluator
- 3:00 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS



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**ACT 129 2026 TECHNICAL REFERENCE MANUAL UPDATE STAKEHOLDER  
MEETING**

**COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING  
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400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 A.M. WELCOME – Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
- 9:35 A.M. INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS
- 9:40 A.M. CROSS-CUTTING TRM ISSUES – Jesse Smith, Statewide Evaluator
- 10:00 A.M. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION ON CROSS-CUTTING TRM ISSUES –  
Jesse Smith and Greg Clendenning, Statewide Evaluator
- 10:30 A.M. CHANGES TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL MEASURES AND NEW  
RESIDENTIAL MEASURES – Greg Clendenning, Statewide Evaluator
- 11:00 A.M. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION ON RESIDENTIAL MEASURES – Greg  
Clendenning and Matt Socks, Statewide Evaluator
- 11:30 A.M. CHANGES TO EXISTING NON-RESIDENTIAL MEASURES AND NEW  
NON-RESIDENTIAL MEASURES – Andrew Dionne, Statewide Evaluator
- 12:00 P.M. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION ON NON-RESIDENTIAL MEASURES –  
Andrew Dionne, Matt Socks, Jesse Smith and Greg Clendenning, Statewide  
Evaluator
- 12:20 P.M. 2026 TRM TIMELINE – Greg Clendenning, Statewide Evaluator
- 12:30 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS – Darren Gill, Deputy Director, TUS