

## **Stakeholders Group**

Many issues involved in the EE&C plans, program implementation, and operation of the TRC test will be ongoing. As will be seen, several specific issues are identified below which will require additional consideration and discussion. Accordingly, we have determined to convene a stakeholder group to address these issues, as well as future issues which will undoubtedly arise as the plans move forward. A future Secretarial letter will announce details of the stakeholder group.

## **Further Pennsylvania Specific Modifications to the TRC Test**

In determining how to structure the TRC test for use in Pennsylvania pursuant to Act 129, the *California Manual* leaves open a number of issues. We have identified the following open issues relative to using the TRC test in Pennsylvania pursuant to Act 129: (a) level at which to measure TRC; (b) calculation of avoided costs of supplying electricity; (c) maximum 15-year measure life; (d) incentive payments from an EDC; (e) incentive payments from outside sources; (f) savings claims from Act 1<sup>10</sup> programs and Act 129 programs<sup>11</sup>; (g) net-to-gross (NTG) issues; (h) discount rate; and (i) incremental costs.

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<sup>10</sup> The Alternative Energy Investment Act, 73 P.S. §§ 1649.101 – 1649.711. Act 1 of 2008 (Act 1) provides incentives including grants, loans, rebates, and tax credits for individuals, businesses, nonprofit economic development organizations, and political subdivisions. Incentives are provided for energy efficiency measures, energy conservation measures, and alternative energy generators. Act 1 programs are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, and the Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Agency

<sup>11</sup> Within each EDC's EE&C plan, there will be numerous programs. Such Act 129 programs could consist of a group of projects with similar characteristics and installed in similar applications. An example would be a residential high efficiency appliance rebate program.