

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Proposed Rulemaking for Revision of 52 Pa. Code
Chapters 57, 59, 65 and 67 Pertaining to Utilities
Service Outage Response and Restoration Practices**

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**JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KIM PIZZINGRILLI
AND VICE CHAIRMAN TYRONE J. CHRISTY**

Pennsylvania experienced widespread electric distribution service outages as a consequence of Hurricane Ike in September of 2008. On September 25, 2008, the Commission initiated an investigation to evaluate current electric utility service storm response, service restoration, and customer communication practices. The Commission released a report on April 30, 2009 that summarized the findings of this investigation and recommended revisions to existing regulations and the adoption of a new policy statement.

This proposed rulemaking will implement the recommended revisions to the Commission's regulations for service outages and reportable accidents involving utility facilities including:

- Amendments to Chapter 57 to broaden the scope of reportable accidents involving electric utility service, establish a uniform reporting period, and require the filing of the utility's internal investigation report.
- Amendments to Chapter 59 to broaden the scope of reportable accidents involving gas utility service, establish a uniform reporting period, and require the filing of the utility's internal investigation report.
- Amendments to Chapter 65 to broaden the scope of reportable accidents involving water utility service, establish a uniform reporting period, and require the filing of the utility's internal investigation report.
- Amendments to Chapter 67 to require that fixed utilities provide a greater level of detail to the Commission regarding outage events.

We would like to thank our staff for their comprehensive review of utility practices, the Commission's regulations, and the development of these recommendations. The proposed amendments are intended to enhance service outage response, reporting and restoration practices. We encourage all affected utilities and interested parties to review these proposed revisions and provide comments.

November 6, 2009
Date

KIM PIZZINGRILLI, COMMISSIONER

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