

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

Act 127 – Gas and Hazardous Liquids
Pipelines Act

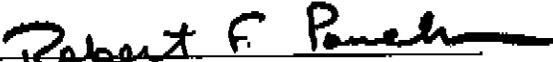
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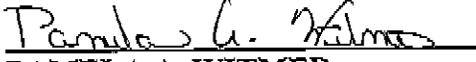
**JOINT STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN ROBERT F. POWELSON
AND COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER**

Before the Commission today is a Tentative Order implementing provisions of the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act (Act), which Governor Corbett signed into law on December 22.

The health and safety of the Commonwealth's citizens and environment is of paramount importance to this Commission. Our new responsibilities under this Act are critical to ensuring that the pipeline infrastructure, which is so important to realizing the full potential of the Commonwealth's natural gas resources, is developed and operated safely. We firmly believe this Commission stands ready to meet the challenge.

As we develop this new program, it is critical that we hear from all interested parties as to how the Commission should implement the Act. For a new program as crucial to Pennsylvania as this, it is particularly important that we receive the best information possible before moving forward.


ROBERT F. POWELSON
CHAIRMAN


PAMELA A. WITMER
COMMISSIONER

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2012