

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

**Assumption of Commission
Jurisdiction Over Pole Attachments
from the Federal Communications
Commission**

**Public Meeting held July 12, 2018
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Docket No. L-2018-3002672**

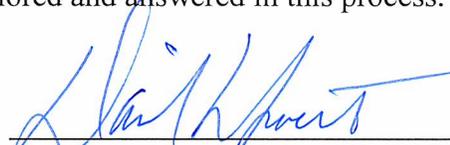
STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER DAVID W. SWEET

In the Order we are adopting today, this Commission opens a proposed rulemaking to consider adoption for use under the Commission's **state** jurisdiction the current rules of the Federal Communications Commission applicable to issues involving pole attachments. As stated in this Order, "[b]y working to take this important issue in-hand at the state level, the goals of this NPRM will work to support the Commonwealth's efforts to provide advanced telecommunications tools to its citizens."

I am prepared to move forward expeditiously to support this goal. I am compelled to express my concerns, however, with the additional caseload and demands on the Commission's resources that this undertaking has the potential to impose. This impact on our resources has not yet been quantified, so at this point we have no idea of the potential cost to the Commission of this undertaking nor have we identified any new revenue sources, such as assessments under Section 510 of the Public Utility Code, that will provide this Commission the revenues necessary to address these new responsibilities.

These questions need to be fully explored and answered in this process.

Dated: July 12, 2018



David W. Sweet, Commissioner