

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

**Implementation of Section 1329  
of the Public Utility Code**

**Public Meeting September 20, 2018  
2543193-LAW  
Docket No. M-2016-2543193**

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER NORMAN J. KENNARD**

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) is requesting comments on its Tentative Supplemental Implementation Order regarding Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code (Code). Section 1329 of the Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329, allows for the acquisition of public water and wastewater assets to be valued at market value for ratemaking purposes. On October 27, 2016, the Commission issued a Tentative Implementation Order to guide stakeholders in the application of provisions of this section of the Code.

Since the issuance of our Tentative Implementation Order, the Commission's experience in adjudicating Section 1329 applications indicates that our procedures and guidelines can be improved to provide more regulatory certainty to the parties and to increase the efficiency of the application process. To this end, Commission staff and affected stakeholders have worked informally to propose changes to the standard materials required in Section 1329 applications and have developed additional guidelines to help allow for a thorough review of such applications within the quick six-month time frame. I would like to thank the water companies, I&E, OCA, OSBA, and Commission staff, particularly the Law Bureau, for the collaboration and hard work that was done to help us move forward with these applications in a more predictable manner.

I look forward to reviewing the comments on the proposals set for in this Tentative Supplemental Implementation Order and welcome further proposals for how Section 1329 applications and the six-month review process can be improved.

**Date: September 20, 2018**

  
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**NORMAN J. KENNARD  
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