



# **Pennsylvania Update October 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 MADRI Meeting**

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# New Commissioner

- \* **Andrew Place**
- \* **Confirmed by the Senate on September 30<sup>th</sup>**
- \* **Sworn in October 1st**
- \* **Formerly worked for EQT Corporation and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**



# Net-Metering

- \* Presently over 8,700 net-meter facilities totaling approximately 200 MWs.
- \* Pending Rulemaking at L-2014-2404361
  - \* Proposed to cap design at 200% of historical load
  - \* Propose cap design exemptions for Anaerobic Digesters



# Act 129

- \* Five year phase starting 2016
- \* New EE and DR targets set based on budget cap and potential studies
- \* DR program revised from Phase I
  - \* Maximum of 6 summer days, 4 hours of dispatch per day
  - \* Called when day-ahead load projection for PJM is greater than 96% of PJM's summer peak demand forecast



# Act 129 Continued

- \* **Requirement for comprehensive measures**
  - \* **Each EDC must have at least one comprehensive measure for the residential and non-residential program categories**
    - \* **Includes measures such as CHP incentives, building energy code training, and whole-house programs**



# Distributed Generation Study

- \* Released in March 2015 by the PUC
- \* Studied achievable potential of solar rooftop PV and CHP under the TRC test rules established in Act 129
  - \* Act 129 only includes 15 years of costs/benefits
  - \* Study did not determine any cost effective solar PV under the Act 129 TRC test
  - \* Estimated 58 MWs of achievable CHP under the TRC test



# Legislation

- \* **SB 805 (pending)**
  - \* **Avails large C&I customers the option to opt-out of EE&C plans**
- \* **HB 1349 (pending)**
  - \* **May remove all nameplate capacity net-meter limits on biologically derived methane gas facilities**



# Legislation Continued

- \* **Act 129**

- \* **Chairman has testified proposing some modifications to the Act; including**

- \* **Allowing the TRC test to include costs/benefits over the life of a measure**
    - \* **Modifying the fine amount to only include a maximum**
      - \* **Presently the fine for EDC non-compliance is mandated to be \$1-\$20 million**





# Thanks

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