

### **REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS**

PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

# COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC MARKETS



 RATE CAPS REMOVED IN PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES' SERVICE TERRITORY ON 1/1/2010

 RATE CAPS WILL BE REMOVED IN THE REMAINING SERVICE TERRITORIES ON 1/1/2011

BASED ON PPL'S INITIAL EXPERIENCE, SEVERAL PROBLEMS ARE BEING ADDRESSED TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

# DISTRIBUTION COMPANY – MARKETER INTERACTION



 THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN MOVING TO A FULLY COMPETITIVE MARKET INVOLVE ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE BETWEEN DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES AND MARKETERS

 OLDER SYSTEMS CURRENTLY IN USE ARE NOT CAPABLE OF MANAGING THE VOLUME OF REQUESTS AND THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION NEEDED

#### **INFORMATION IS KEY**



- MARKETERS NEED CUSTOMER INFORMATION TO DESIGN AND PRICE PRODUCTS
- CUSTOMERS NEED TO FEEL SECURE THAT ACCOUNT INFORMATION WILL BE PROTECTED AND USED PROPERLY

DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES NEED TO IMPROVE SYSTEMS TO MOVE INFORMATION QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY

#### **COMMISSION ACTIONS**



- OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE MARKETS OVERSIGHT
- CHARGE
- ELECTRONIC DATA EXCHANGE WORKING GROUP
- COMMISSION ISSUED GUIDELINES
  - ELEGIBLE CUSTOMER LIST
  - CONTRACT RENEWAL INFORMATION



# IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVE MARKET



- IMPROVE DATA EXCHANGE
  - PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM INFORMATION ON CUSTOMER LISTS
- PURCHASE OF RECEIVABLES
  - RISK OF UNCOLLECTIBLES SUBSTANTIALLY ELIMINATED





# IMPROVING THE COMETITIVE MARKET



- MARKETING GUIDELINES
  - CLEAR AND ACCURATE CONSUMER INFORMATION
  - PLAIN LANGUAGE OFFERS
  - INDENDENT VERIFICATION OF CUSTOMER
     SIGN-UPS
  - LIMITATIONS ON MARKETER BEHAVIOR
  - "DO NOT CALL" LIST

