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June 8, 2000

Honorable John M. Quain, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
104 North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #57-211 (#2080)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Procedures to Ensure Customer Consent to a Change of
Natural Gas Suppliers

Dear Chairman Quain:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its June 8, 2000 Public Meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Louis Sauers
Terrence Buda
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Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 8, 2000

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Regulation No. 57-211
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Procedures to Ensure Customer Consent to a
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On December 21, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. This rulemaking adds 52 Pa. Code Sections 59.91 – 59.99. The authority for this regulation is the Natural Gas Customer Choice and Competition Act (Act) (66 Pa. C.S. §§ 501 and 2206(b)). The proposed regulation was published in the January 1, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 17, 2000.

The Act restructured the natural gas industry to allow customers to choose their natural gas supplier (NGS). This regulation establishes procedures to protect customers from a switch of NGS without the customer's consent.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.


John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman

