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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

November 2, 2000

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

Re: Regulation #57-212 (IRRC #2094)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Reporting Requirements for Universal Service and
Energy Conservation Programs

Dear Chairman Quain:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on November 2, 2000. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin C. Bush".

Alvin C. Bush

Vice Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Chris R. Wogan, Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee
Honorable Keith R. McCall, Democratic Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee
Honorable Clarence D. Bell, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee
Sherri DelBiondo, Regulatory Coordinator, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Rhonda Daviston, Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Janice Hummel, Bureau of Consumer Services, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 2, 2000

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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman
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Regulation No. 57-212
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Reporting Requirements for Universal Service
and Energy Conservation Programs

On February 3, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking adds Sections 62.1 – 62.8 to 52 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the February 19, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 45-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 2, 2000.

This regulation implements part of the Natural Gas Choice and Competition Act by establishing standard reporting requirements for universal service and energy conservation programs. All seven natural gas distribution companies will be required to comply. The PUC anticipates that this regulation will benefit the approximately 10,000 low-income customers in the Commonwealth.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (66 Pa.C.S. §§ 501, 504, 2202 and 2203; and 45 P.S. §§ 1202 and 1205) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman