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

June 7, 2001

Honorable John M. Quain, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Keystone Building
400 North Street
3rd Floor, North Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #57-217 (IRRC #2125)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Licensing Requirements for Natural Gas Suppliers

Dear Chairman Quain:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on June 7, 2001.
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,

Robert E. Nyce
Executive Director

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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

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 7, 2001

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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone
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Regulation No. 57-217
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Licensing Requirements for Natural
Gas Suppliers

On June 2, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code § 3.551 and adds a new Chapter 62 (52 Pa. Code §§ 62.101 – 62.114). The proposed regulation was published in the June 17, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 3, 2001.

This final-form regulation implements the Natural Gas Choice and Competition Act of 1999 by establishing the application and performance requirements for an entity to be licensed as a natural gas supplier (NGS). Any entity seeking to become a licensed NGS in Pennsylvania must comply with this regulation.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa. C.S. §§ 501, 2203(12) and 2208) 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.





Robert J. Harbison, III, Acting Chairman