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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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October 24, 2002

Honorable John C. Oliver, Secretary  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
400 Market Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

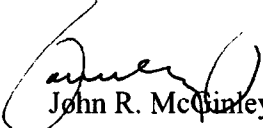
Re: Regulation #7B-3 (IRRC #2260)  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
State Parks; General Provisions

Dear Secretary Oliver:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

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

Sincerely,

  
John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Arthur D. Hershey, Majority Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee  
Honorable Camille George, Democratic Chairman, House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee  
Honorable Mary Jo White, Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee  
Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 24, 2002

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Regulation No. 7B-3  
Department of Conservation and  
Natural Resources  
State Parks; General Provisions

On March 13, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Department). This rulemaking amends 17 Pa. Code Chapter 11. The proposed regulation was published in the March 23, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 60-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 20, 2002.

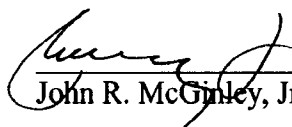
The regulation is a comprehensive update, reorganization and streamlining of existing provisions for State parks. In 2001, the Department reports that 36 to 38 million visitors entered the State parks. The fiscal impact of this regulation on the Commonwealth, local governments and State park visitors will be minimal.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. § 1340.313) 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.



  
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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman