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

April 28, 2005

Honorable Wendell Holland, Chairman Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Keystone Building, 3rd Floor 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #57-234 (IRRC #2404)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Public Utility Security Planning and Readiness

Dear Chairman Holland:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be available on our website at <a href="https://www.irrc.state.pa.us">www.irrc.state.pa.us</a>.

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

Sincerely.

Murray Wipers Esq.

Acting Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Robert J. Flick, Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee Honorable Joseph Preston, Jr., Democratic Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee

## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 28, 2005

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Regulation No. 57-234
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Public Utility Security Planning and Readiness

On June 3, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking adds Chapter 101 to 52 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the June 19, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 15, 2004. On November 17, 2004, the PUC withdrew the final-form regulation. On March 24, 2005, the PUC resubmitted the final-form regulation.

This regulation requires all jurisdictional utilities to develop and maintain written physical security, cyber security, emergency response and business continuity plans. Jurisdictional utilities must submit a self certification form to the PUC documenting compliance with the requirements contained in Chapter 101.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (66 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 501, 504 and 1501) 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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