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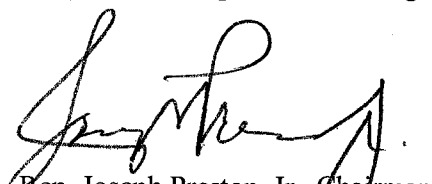
RE: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regulation #57-237 (IRRC #2463)
Provisions of Default Service

Dear Commissioners:

We respectfully recommend that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("Commission") approve the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or "the Commission") Final Regulations concerning electricity Default Service in the post-transition period.

As you are aware, there are several bills addressing energy policy pending before the General Assembly. The Consumer Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives recognizes the importance of sound energy policy to the success of Pennsylvania's economy and the importance of these issues to Pennsylvania's businesses and consumers. Although this Committee and the General Assembly will work diligently to consider legislation addressing energy policy for the Commonwealth, it is important that these regulations developed by the PUC be allowed to go into effect without delay or political interference. The PUC has developed these regulations consistent with its obligations in the Electric Choice Act of 1996, and these regulations are the product of several years of stakeholder input and careful Commission deliberation. These regulations provide regulatory certainty that is important to the energy industry, and, most importantly, provide for consumer protection policies that will help customers prepare for, and mitigate the impact of, rate increases resulting from the expiration of rate caps in the Commonwealth.

We applaud the PUC for taking a proactive approach in addressing these complicated public policy issues and we are confident that, should the General Assembly enact new legislation that alters the groundwork upon which these regulations are based, the PUC will dutifully carryout its obligations to implement such legislation.


Rep. Joseph Preston, Jr., Chairman
Consumer Affairs Committee

Sincerely,



Rep. Robert W. Godshall, Minority Chairman
Consumer Affairs Committee

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