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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

July 19, 2007

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

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

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 <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

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

Sincerely,

Arthur Coccodriffi Chairman wbg 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 Joseph Preston, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee Honorable Robert W. Godshall, Minority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 19, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Proxy David J. DeVries, Esq. John F. Mizner, Esq., by Proxy

Regulation No. 57-237 (#2463) Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Provisions of Default Service

On February 14, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code Chapters 54 and 57. The proposed regulation was published in the February 26, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 121-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 24, 2007.

This final-form rulemaking defines the obligation of electric distribution companies to serve retail customers at the conclusion of their respective transition periods.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (66 Pa.C.S. §§ 501 and 2807(e)) 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.



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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman