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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

COMMENTS OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Regarding
Docket No. L-00050174/M-00051865

Proposed Rulemaking Re Net Metering for Customer-generators pursuant to Section 5 of
the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, 74 P.S. Sec. 1648.5.

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The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Dear Secretary:

The Pennsylvania State Grange, representing 16,000 rural Pennsylvanians, would like to present these comments regarding the Proposed Rulemaking on Net Metering for Customer-generators pursuant to Section 5 of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We commend the Commission for taking action on the issue of net metering, to allow farmers who generate energy to reap the full economic benefits of the renewable energy they create. In spite of the grant funding available, farmers have been unwilling to participate in renewable energy projects if they will not receive a fair return for their investment.

We would like to see all buildings on the farm included in the net metering to receive the full benefit. All barns, sheds, residences, and other buildings are part of the agricultural operation, although they may be assigned different rate schedules. The proposed regulations deal with the issue of multiple meters but state that meters included must be in a "particular rate class". The Grange recommends that this language be changed to "regardless of rate class" in order to include all farm meters. Onsite generation should first be applied to the meter through which the system feeds; then excess should be applied equally to other meters on the farm, regardless of whether they are rated residential or commercial.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the Net Metering regulations.

Sincerely,

Betsy E. Huber
President

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