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PA Public Utility Commission  
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Dear Secretary McNulty:

This letter is to address the proposed rulemaking for Net Metering of customer-generators according to section 5 of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act 73 P.S. [1648.1-1648.8]

*Pine Hurst Acres has been in bussiness for 35 years. We built 2 hog barns which hold 4500 total head at a time. We made a decision at that time to build a Methane Digester to make electric and help reduce ordors from the manure. After 2 years of trail and error trying to make this thing work. We are working with Ken Kephart and Rob Mimie from Penn State univeristy it is now working good.*

*Now the problem is PPL they don't want to pay us for the electric we make. We can shut PPL off, if we reduce our usage by more then 10% they will put a sur-charge on the electric bill.*

*The proposed rule making for net metering for customer-generators has two flaws in the proposal.*

*One is the application of meter aggregation needs to include all meters regardless of location, or rate schedules that are in a farm operation, which should be part of the net metering along with the custom generator.*

*Second Concern that needs addressed is allowing for farmerd with custom generators to be credited for stranded cost through net metering.*

*The other issue is that custom generators should not be limited to a capacity of 40 [KW] in any agricultural application.*

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*If these concerns are put into the new ruling it will go a long way toward making renewable energy sources available in the future.*

*We would like to thank the commission for their work on the new rules. But we would like to see the above mentioned changes made to make this all worth while.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stanley E. Crowe*  
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