

ARTHUR COCCODRILLI, CHAIRMAN  
ALVIN C. BUSH, VICE CHAIRMAN .  
NANCY SABOL FRANTZ, ESQ.  
JOHN F. MIZNER, ESQ.  
KAREN A. MILLER  
KIM KAUFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LESLIE A. LEWIS JOHNSON, CHIEF COUNSEL



PHONE: (717) 783-5417  
FAX: (717) 783-2664  
irrc@irrc.state.pa.us  
<http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>

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

August 7, 2008

James H. Cawley, Vice Chairman  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Keystone Building, 3rd Floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #57-248 (IRRC #2571)  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Inspection and Maintenance Standards for the Electric Distribution Companies

Dear Vice Chairman Cawley:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

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

Sincerely,

Arthur Coccodrilli

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 August 7, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone  
Nancy Sabol Frantz, Esq., by Phone  
Karen A. Miller  
John F. Mizner, Esq.

Regulation No. 57-248 (#2571)  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Inspection and Maintenance Standards for the  
Electric Distribution Companies

On September 27, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking adds Section 57.198 to Title 52 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the October 7, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The PUC published a notice in the December 16, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, reopening and extending the public comment period to April 16, 2007. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 25, 2008.


This regulation sets minimum standards and schedules for the inspection and maintenance of the infrastructure (poles, wires, transformers, switching devices and other fixtures) for electric distribution systems operated by electric distribution companies. It also allows the companies to submit modified plans with justification via “cost/benefit analysis.”

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa.C.S. § 2802(20)) 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.



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman