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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

November 17, 2011

Honorable Robert F. Powelson, Chairman Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Keystone Building, 3rd Floor 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #57-271 (IRRC #2822) Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Utilities; Service Outage Response and Restoration Practices

Dear Chairman Powelson:

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,

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III Chairman sfh Enclosure cc: Honorable Robert M

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

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

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 17, 2011

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli John F. Mizner, Esq. Lawrence J. Tabas, Esq.

Regulation No. 57-271 (#2822) Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Utilities; Service Outage Response and Restoration Practices

On February 18, 2010, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code Chapters 57, 59, 65 and 67. The proposed regulation was published in the March 6, 2010 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 11, 2011.

This final-form rulemaking amends existing regulations regarding reporting requirements for service outages and reportable incidents of jurisdictional utilities.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (66 Pa.C.S. §§ 501(a), 504, 505, 506, 1508, 2205(a), 2807(a) and 3019(b)) 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.



Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman