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Senate of Pennsylvania

May 2, 2012

Chairman Lutkewitte
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th floor Harristown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg PA 17101

Re: L-2009-2095604/57-273
Public Utility Commission

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

This letter is in support of a regulation that is being resubmitted by the PUC, to implement the statutory changes required by Act 129 of 2008. It is important that IRRC approve this regulation that has been delayed at least three years in embracing the change in the law.

Part of the remarks from IRRC seemed to focus on the failure to file a letter of support. The Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee rarely if ever meets or formally discusses any regulations assigned to the committee. Because of the close working relationship we enjoy with the Public Utility Commission, very often our staffs are an integral part of developing the original regulation.

As you know under the IRRC act, Committee inaction on a regulation is deemed as approval, not disapproval, of a regulation. If there are any questions from the Commission about this procedure, I would be happy to discuss it further with any Commissioner or your staff.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration in this matter and I would respectfully ask for final approval of this regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert M. Tomlinson".

Robert M. Tomlinson
State Senator, 6th District

Cc: Members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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