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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Attn: Secretary  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Comments on Docket No. L-2009-2107155, Rulemaking Re Amendment to 52 Pa.  
Code Sec. 59.18  
Meter Location

Dear Commissioners:

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposed Revision of 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 Pertaining to Meter Set Location. Our organization is a nonprofit, membership organization whose mission is to promote the appreciation, protection and revitalization of the Philadelphia region's historic buildings, communities and landscapes. We appreciate the Commission's attempt to limit potential impacts to historic structures resulting from these proposed regulation changes governing the placement of gas meters and other equipment. However, we feel strongly that the proposed regulation, as currently written, would fail to sufficiently protect historic resources from adverse effects caused by inappropriate meter installation. The following are our primary concerns:

- 1) The proposed regulations give the utility provider sole jurisdiction in determining the placement of gas meter sets. Even where interior meters can be "considered" by utilities (i.e. in historic districts and high risk vandalism districts), there is no binding language in the regulations preventing exterior installations in these locations. **We suggest that the word "considered" be replaced by the word "required."**
- 2) The proposed exemption for historic properties at 59.18(c)(1)(i) reads in whole, "Inside meter locations shall be considered only when an acceptable outside location is not available due to restrictions in Federally approved Historic Districts or in high risk vandalism districts." This clause is vague and potentially ineffective in two ways. First, the term "Federally approved Historic Districts" is not a commonly understood designation and does not include significant numbers of individual properties certified as historic at the Federal level (through individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places), properties determined *eligible* for listing on the National Register, or properties certified as historic at the local level (either individually or as part of a local

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historic district). These three classes of historic resources would be completely unprotected by the proposed exemption clause. Second, there are no Federal restrictions of any kind placed on properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no property is technically "restricted" from alteration solely by virtue of its inclusion on the National Register, which under a strict interpretation would negate the applicability of this exemption clause entirely. **We suggest the clause should read, "Inside meter locations shall be required when an acceptable outside location is not available on a property that, either individually or as part of a district, is listed or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or has been designated as historic by the municipality."**

3) In many historic districts and individual historic properties, especially dense rowhouse neighborhoods common in Philadelphia and other urban areas of the state, installation of a meter set on a building's primary exterior façade would be highly conspicuous, detract from its architectural integrity, and pose a pedestrian and vehicular safety hazard. The proposed regulations contain no language directing utility companies to locate meter sets on more appropriate secondary facades when such locations exist, regardless of an area's historic status. **We suggest inclusion of language defining secondary facades as the preferred location for meter sets, regardless of historic designation.**

4) Even in cases where interior gas meter installation is allowed, the proposed regulations still require the installation of an exterior regulator on historic properties. There is no language in the regulations which describes appropriate vs. inappropriate locations for this equipment, which has the potential to adversely affect a property's historic integrity. **We suggest development of design guidelines for the appropriate location of meters and regulators.**

5) The proposed regulations contain no provision for notifying property owners of the proposed new location of meter sets, nor provide an opportunity for owners to identify alternative locations or arrange for alternative utility services. **We suggest a requirement that property owners receive 90-day written notice of proposed equipment relocation, including an illustration of proposed equipment and location of proposed installation.**

The Preservation Alliance strongly urges the above revisions to the proposed regulations to better protect against adverse effects to the Commonwealth's important historic resources.

Sincerely,



Ben Leech  
Director of Advocacy  
Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia

## Ben Leech

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**From:** pschneider@igc.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:13 AM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** gas meters

Thanks for alerting us to the proposed regulation requiring gas meters to be moved outside. While I support your comments, they do not go far enough. This is a problem not only for historic properties and districts, since most of Philadelphia's rowhouses and twins are not so designated. The effect of the regulations will be extremely ugly streetscapes throughout the city--the streetscapes are already marred by exterior meters that have been installed on new construction.

You say:

3) In many historic districts and individual historic properties, especially dense rowhouse neighborhoods common in Philadelphia and other urban areas of the state, installation of a meter set on a building's primary exterior façade would be highly conspicuous, detract from its architectural integrity, and pose a pedestrian and vehicular safety hazard. The proposed regulations contain no language directing utility companies to locate meter sets on more appropriate secondary facades when such locations exist, regardless of an area's historic status. We suggest inclusion of language defining secondary facades as the preferred location for meter sets, regardless of historic designation.

Can you make this comment stronger to REQUIRE use of a secondary facade (including rear facade in the case of a rowhouse)?

Thanks,  
Peter Schneider  
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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Joanne Kundrat [jzkundrat@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:52 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** New Gas Meter Regulations

I support the Preservation Alliance position on New Gas Meter Regulations :

The Preservation Alliance has made the following recommendations for revision:

- 1) The proposed regulations give the utility provider sole jurisdiction in determining the placement of gas meter sets. Even where interior meters can be “considered” by utilities (i.e. in historic districts and high risk vandalism districts), there is no binding language in the regulations preventing exterior installations in these locations. We suggest that the word “considered” be replaced by the word “required.”
- 2) The proposed exemption for historic properties at 59.18(c)(1)(i) reads in whole, “Inside meter locations shall be considered only when an acceptable outside location is not available due to restrictions in Federally approved Historic Districts or in high risk vandalism districts.” This clause is vague and potentially ineffective in two ways. First, the term “Federally approved Historic Districts” is not a commonly understood designation and does not include significant numbers of individual properties certified as historic at the Federal level (through individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places), properties determined eligible for listing on the National Register, or properties certified as historic at the local level (either individually or as part of a local historic district). These three classes of historic resources would be completely unprotected by the proposed exemption clause. Second, there are no Federal restrictions of any kind placed on properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no property is technically “restricted” from alteration solely by virtue of its inclusion on the National Register, which under a strict interpretation would negate the applicability of this exemption clause entirely. We suggest the clause should read, “Inside meter locations shall be required when an acceptable outside location is not available on a property that, either individually or as part of a district, is listed or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or has been designated as historic by the municipality.”
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5) The proposed regulations contain no provision for notifying property owners of the proposed new location of meter sets, nor provide an opportunity for owners to identify alternative locations or arrange for alternative utility services. We suggest a requirement that property owners receive 90-day written notice of proposed equipment relocation, including an illustration of proposed equipment and location of proposed installation.

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Joanne Kundrat  
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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Sonya Shiflet [sshiflet@afb.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:34 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Support Letter: Preservation Alliance Position: External Gas Meter Regulations

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's proposed wording changes to Reference Docket No. L-2009-2107155. I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the provisions outlined in the aforementioned Reference Docket threaten the visual character and appeal of Philadelphia and other historic communities across the state. Please include the Preservation Alliance's proposed revisions and keep the visual integrity of our nation's historic treasures intact.

Thank you.

*Sonya Shiflet*

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**From:** cmpuppin@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2012 3:15 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** New Gas Meter Regulations Threaten Historic Properties

To Whom it concerns,

I am completely in support of the Preservation Alliance's concerns and suggested revisions to the PUC's proposed changes to the way it regulates the installation of natural gas meters and other equipment. The proposed new regulations would be unsightly, and more to the point downright ugly, in our neighborhoods of dense rowhomes.

It doesn't matter whether or not a neighborhood has a historic designation--this would be unsightly. It's bad enough to see these utility meters in new construction in the city.

Thank you for providing this information and for taking action. If there is other information that you need me to provide in order to include my comments in your packet, please let me know. I have let my neighbors know as well and have asked them to write.

Carla Puppin  
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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** 93brown@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 1:53 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** exterior gas meters

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations!

N.B. I LIVE IN AN HISTORIC ROW HOUSE WITH AN INTERIOR GAS METER. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, PGW REPLACED THIS METER. THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE CHANGE WAS THAT THE BATTERY THAT OPERATES THE DEVICE TO PERMIT READING THE METER FROM THE OUTSIDE WAS ABOUT TO FAIL AND THAT THE NEW METER SHOULD RECTIFY THIS SITUATION; I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT EVERY PRE-1995 PGW METER IS BEING REPLACED FOR THIS REASON. I STRONGLY OPPOSE YET ANOTHER NEW METER THAT WILL DISFIGURE MY HOUSE EXTERIOR AND DOUBTLESS ADD TO EVERYONE'S GAS BILL IN ORDER TO PAY FOR YET ANOTHER METER. THIS IS THE SORT OF POORLY PLANNED ENDEAVOR THAT UNDERMINES WHAT LITTLE FAITH ONE HAS IN PGW.

Thank you.

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**From:** Craig Morton [cgmorton@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 2:52 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Craig Morton

803-05 S. 2nd Street

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**From:** Jim Murphy [murfman1@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 3:05 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Jim Murphy

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Philadelphia, PA 19147

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**From:** studioninephoto@gmail.com on behalf of Jonathan Rubin [jonathan@studionine.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 4:23 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Subject: Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

To place a gas meter outside the front of my house would detract from the aesthetic quality I have worked so hard to create.

Thank you.

*Jonathan Rubin*  
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**From:** Bill Maurer [bmaurer@me.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:10 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Bill Maurer  
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**From:** Justin Brock [jbrock7@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:10 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Justin Brock  
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**From:** Brian McEntee [BMcEntee@mccormickpriore.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:11 PM  
**To:** 'advocacy@preservationalliance.com'  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

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Brian Patrick McEntee, Esquire

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**From:** Brian Johnson [brian.johnson1243@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:11 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you,  
Brian & Marla Johnson

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**From:** Marc Shaw [mshaw@worldwidelandtransfer.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:13 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meters on our fascades

To Whom It May Concern-

I recently heard about the plans to provide gas meters on the facade of buildings. This would be a disgrace to the history of Philadelphia. I have never seen another city do this and I am well traveled. Talk about putting a black eye and tarnishing communities, why in the world would we move to such a plan?

Move to wireless, or something along the lines that the water department did. I will say if they try and do this I would not accept and would probably just get rid of everything gas.

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Horrible plan!

Thank you-

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**From:** Megan Fenstermaker [meganfenster@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:14 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you,

Megan Fenstermaker  
911 S. Fairhill St. Philadelphia

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**From:** GoodtoBeYou.Com [spa@goodtobeyou.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:18 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Subject: Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Lee Sequeira  
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**Stay gorgeous,  
~ Lee**

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**From:** John Ulrich [riverton\_rkkt@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:19 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

John Ulrich  
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**From:** Swans [phillyswans@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:22 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Patricia & David Swan  
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**From:** mike.seidenberg@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:25 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Installing gas and electric meters

to the front facing façade of homes in my neighbor is the worst idea yet. Why with all the technology available is this even being considered? Please count me as someone as adamantly opposed to such an idea.

Thank you,

Mike

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** stephyg303@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:25 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** gas meter changes

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Stephanie Guerrero  
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**From:** Duffy, Gregory P. [GPDuffy@duanemorris.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:26 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern:

Subject to my comment in the next paragraph, please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

I believe that the proposed exemption for historic properties in Section 59.18(c)(1)(i) should be tightened even further than that suggested by the Preservation Alliance. I suggest that the clause should read: "Inside meter locations shall be required when an acceptable outside location is not available because the property is, either individually or as part of a district, listed or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or has been designated as historic by the municipality." Without this important change, the reference to an "acceptable outside location" is still ambiguous and grants too much leeway to the utility provider to determine what is acceptable for a historic property.

**As an owner of a historic home in Philadelphia and someone who has expended great effort and expense in preserving the historic integrity of my home, I am personally repulsed by the idea of slapping a crude gas meter on the façade and ruining the appearance of a home that has stood the test of time for over 170 years.**

Thank you,

Gregory P. Duffy  
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**From:** Matt Fumento [mattfumento@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:28 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** To whom it may concern

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Thank you.

Matt Fumento  
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**From:** Papaj, Jean [jp974@drexel.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:33 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

Over the past few years I have spent over \$100,000 renovating and restoring a home on the Historic Register in Queen Village in Philadelphia. I had to do many things and spend money I did not want to because of the strict standards of this register.

Your proposal to install gas meters on facades is in violation of those standards. It is also proposing we change to an old and outdated technology.

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Best regards,

Jean Papaj

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Guy Fissel [guy\_fissel@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:36 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

I think the proposed change has the potential to be dangerous as well as outside meters in front of houses will allow them to be tampered with, damaged and/or vandalized. My interior meter is well-protected from any harm.

Given that my meter can be read electronically from the exterior, why would it need to be exposed to these risks? What is the benefit?

Thank you.

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Katie Kelly [katie.kelly2005@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:41 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you,

Katie Kelly

227 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Laney234@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:41 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Objection to Proposed new gas meter regs

Subject: Opposition to proposed Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Ms. R.W. Delaney  
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**From:** Beatrice Ryan [beatriceryan@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 3:47 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Further, this support is extended to include homes not necessarily on the historic registry whose facades would be adversely affected by the placement of a utility meter and other utility equipment. Philadelphia would be totally visually negatively altered by the placement of utility hardware on its facades.

Thank you.

Beatrice Ryan  
Philadelphia 19147

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There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be times when we fail to protest.

- Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Paul D. Neuwirth [phillycpa@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:00 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Objection to Proposed new gas meter regs  
Subject: Opposition to proposed Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Paul D. Neuwirth

127 Catharine Street, unit 6  
Philadelphia, PA 19147-3429

Voice: 215 463 0883

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**From:** Tally Brennan [tallybrennan@msn.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:10 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**To:** Preservation Alliance

**Re:** gas meters

Not only is the proposed relocation of gas meters an aesthetic crime, it is positively dangerous so close to vehicular traffic unless bollards are installed to protect the gas lines which would hamper pedestrian traffic in a city that prides itself on its walkability.

This is an expensive, unnecessary and obnoxious idea and historic cities within the commonwealth should be exempted.

Talmage Bremman

7/13/2012



**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Britt Levy [brittlevy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:10 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you for all of your great work in preserving our community's tangible heritage!

Kind regards,

Britt Levy  
224 Monroe St  
Philadelphia PA 19147

Britt Levy

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine  
VMD Candidate: Class of 2015  
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215.820.9910

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** abigail.horn@rocketmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:14 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.  
Abigail Horn  
Fitzwater Street, Queen Village, Philadelphia

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** pourri@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:16 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Subject: Gas Meter Regulations  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please do not require gas meters to be installed in the front of our Philadelphia homes, **ESPECIALLY HISTORIC HOMES/BUILDINGS**. The existing gas meters in front of newer homes seen around the city is incredibly **UGLY**. Putting gas meters on the front of a historic building is just unbelievable and in such poor taste. Gas meters installed in the front of all homes/buildings (new and old) destroys the esthetic character of the city, but especially on historic homes/buildings.

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Susan Tunncliffe  
917 East Moyamensing Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Joan Kyler [joan.kyler@heavyequipmentapp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:32 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155).

We believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Joan and John Kyler

## Ben Leech

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**From:** Tom Jackson [tom@tomjacksonstudio.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 5:02 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Subject: Gas Meter Regulations

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.  
Thank you.

This would make the facade of the houses ugly, industrial looking, and reduce the value of the properties.  
Philadelphia is attracting young families to the old neighborhoods, because it is a city of attractive neighborhoods. The visual appeal of the historic Philadelphia row-houses, with marble and other historically accurate fronts, would be harmed by having industrial fixtures attached to the front of these homes.

Prof. Thomas Jackson  
and Eileen Wolfberg  
725 League Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Jeremy Koven [jkoven1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 5:17 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations. Thank you.

Jeremy Koven  
323 Monroe Street

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Adrienne Nikolic [adriennenikolic@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 5:38 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Adrienne Nikolic

103 Pemberton St., Philadelphia, PA 19147

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Kathleena Formica [salsakat1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:27 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

*Kathleena Formica  
336 Queen St. #37  
Phila. PA 19147*

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** ronnieicholls@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:39 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** gAS METERS

ARE YOU PEOPLE CRAZY...TALK ABOUT THE UGLIFICATION OF THE MOST HISTORIC CITY IN THE COUNTRY. GET A LIFE AND STOP THIS RIDICULOUS PLAN..ONE REASON I AM MOVING...ONE IDIOTIC PLAN AFTER ANOTHER. I IMAGINE NUTTER AND YOU PLAY GOLF TOGETHER

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**From:** Rosemary Gifford [rosemarygifford@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:41 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Please don't let our beautiful historic houses and neighborhoods be marred by these meters.

Thank you.

Rosemary Gifford  
942 East Moyamensing Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Comcast [create48@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 7:03 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas meters

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Dr.Lynn Rosenthal]  
307 Queen Street  
Philadelphia,PA 19147

From Dr. Lynn Rosenthal

7/13/2012

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Anne Seidman [anneseidman@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 8:10 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** gas meter in the front of my house?

WHY? you have been able to read it why would you degrade the way our homes will look when there is a problem recording my readings?

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anne seidman

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**From:** Samantha Giuliano [samanthagiuliano@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 8:19 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

Greetings,

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Samantha Giuliano  
802 South Hancock Street

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Cynthia Schneider [cynthiaschneider@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 9:17 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** gas meter regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Cynthia Schneider  
804 S. 3rd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Danny Broderick [danny.broderick@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:17 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Additionally, PGW (Philadelphia Gas Works) currently uses RFID based meters in our neighborhood which already allows them to read meters remotely without needing to enter anyone's property and hence, as I see it, makes the proposed changes redundant and unnecessary. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you.

Daniel Broderick

783 S 6th St.

Philadelphia, PA 19147

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Ruth K. Crispin [rkcrispin@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:45 PM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

To whom it may concern:

I fully support the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be greatly (and unnecessarily) diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Ruth K. Crispin, Ph.D.  
Professor of Spanish  
Department of Humanities  
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

r.crispin@uscience.edu

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** LouisScag@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 11:11 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Subject: Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Louis Scaglione  
722 S. American Street  
Phila., Pa. 19147

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**From:** Nadine Lomakin/Michael McPhilmy [nadenmike@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 12:44 AM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulation

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Nadine Lomakin/Michael McPhilmy  
nadenmike@earthlink.net

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**From:** maialetti@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 4:49 AM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.\

Thank you.

Kimberly M. Maialetti  
745 S. 5th St. #9  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19147

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Betsy Johnson [betsy.johnson@gapinternational.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 6:59 AM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155).

I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

This will clearly have a negative effect on the city. Isn't it possible with the technology available in this day and age to find another way to do this without adding an unsightly meter to the front of people's homes?

Thank you.

Betsy Johnson

215 Catharine Street

Philadelphia

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## Ben Leech

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**From:** Meredith Laurence [meredithlaurence@me.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 8:07 AM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will not only be unnecessarily diminished, but permanently destroyed by these new regulations. Please take this into account and do not make the mistake that will be regretted by all future generations to live in these historic neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Meredith Laurence  
312 Pemberton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147=

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Bryan K Witkowski [bkwleo110@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 8:57 AM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations. There is absolutely no way I will allow PGW to deface the front facade of our home with this equipment.

Thank you,  
Bryan Witkowski  
839 S Hancock Street  
Phila, PA 19147

7/13/2012

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** MICHAEL HANOWITZ [hanowitz@temple.edu]

**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 9:06 AM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** New Gas Meter Regulations

Dear Preservation Alliance,

I am writing to support your position that gas/utility meters not be located outside of both historic and non-historic properties. Meters located outside of buildings, particularly residential ones are unsightly and detract from the beauty of neighborhoods. We have several outside meters in Fairmount and almost everyone that lives nearby thinks they look unsightly. I hope that you can include my letter in support of your recommendations to the appropriate regulatory body.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanowitz  
2509 Brown Street  
Philadelphia PA 19130

7/13/2012

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Tom Maciag [maciag@dyadcom.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 9:16 AM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** NEW GAS METER REGULATIONS

Dear Preservation Alliance,

I am writing to support your position that gas/utility meters not be located outside of both historic and non-historic properties. Meters located outside of buildings, particularly residential ones are unsightly and detract from the beauty of neighborhoods. We have several outside meters in Fairmount and almost everyone that lives nearby thinks they look unsightly. I hope that you can include my letter in support of your recommendations to the appropriate regulatory body.

Sincerely,

Tom Maciag  
2509 Brown Street  
Philadelphia PA 19130

Tom Maciag

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Amy Shelanski [amy.shelanski@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 9:19 AM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Subject: Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Amy Shelanski  
Executive Vice President  
Queen Village Neighbors Association

7/13/2012

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Jean D'Amico [jean.damico2@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 9:28 AM

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations. I live in Queen Village and believe part of its charm is the historic preservation of its neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Jean D'Amico

[jean.damico2@gmail.com](mailto:jean.damico2@gmail.com)

325 Queen St.

Philadelphia, PA 19147

7/13/2012

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** arthur@foster-willson.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 10:10 AM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Location

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

In addition, I would argue that all meters currently on the interior of a building or residence and not the source of any problem should be allowed to remain on the interior.

Thank you.  
Arthur Willson  
728 East Passyunk Ave  
Philadelphia, PA

7/13/2012

**Ben Leech**

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**From:** Pauline Candaux [pcandaux@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 12:04 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations. We live in Queen Village, and while our own house is not of historic significance, it would also be negatively affected by placing a meter on the outside of the facade.

Thank you.

Pauline Candaux  
762 E. Passyunk Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
[pcandaux@gmail.com](mailto:pcandaux@gmail.com)  
215-806-8386 cell

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**Ben Leech**

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**From:** cciric@gmail.com on behalf of Catharine Ciric [cciric@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2012 2:52 PM  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

I also think it is a step back to the dark ages - wireless, self-reporting meters have been around forever now - there is no valid reason that a meter needs to be visible from the outside of the building. Unless you plan to bring back meter readers walking the streets, who cares where the meter resides? It's on the gas company to make sure their meters are functional, reliable and tamper-proof.

Thank you.  
Catharine Ciric  
730 E Passyunk Ave  
Philadelphia PA 19147

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**From:** Mehron Moqtaderi <mehron@gmail.com>  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Mon 07/16/12 11:06 AM  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Type:** Embedded HTML/Text

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you.

Mehron Moqtaderi  
208 Tasker St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19148

**From:** Heather Gibson <gibsongirlphilly@gmail.com>  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Concern About Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Mon 07/16/12 10:59 AM  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Type:** Embedded HTML/Text

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

Thank you,

Heather Gibson  
208 Tasker Street

**From:** Frank Schorfheide <[schorf@ssc.upenn.edu](mailto:schorf@ssc.upenn.edu)>

**Sent:** Mon 07/16/12 9:22 AM

**To:** [advocacy@preservationalliance.com](mailto:advocacy@preservationalliance.com)

**Priority:** Normal

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Type:** Embedded HTML/Text

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

A few additional remarks:

1. In an era in which it is possible to track the location of SEPTA buses around town on a smart phone, the proposal to install gas meters on the outside wall of houses is unimaginative and outdated.
2. Maintaining historic homes is expensive and home owners always need to spend extra money when renovating their facades in order to comply with the regulations of the historical commission. Forcing these home owners to install gas meters outside of their houses while asking them to maintain their houses according to the regulations of the historical commission seems very unfair.
3. Do you want Philadelphia to be a great city or a mediocre city? Only a few 18th/early 19th century "historic" neighborhoods exist in the U.S. These neighborhoods should be preserved and not butchered by utility companies as in other cities around the globe. Do you think the people of Bruges, Heidelberg, or Carcassone would install gas meters in front of their historical homes?

Thank you.

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Frank Schorfheide  
Professor, Department of Economics  
University of Pennsylvania  
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Philadelphia, PA 19104-6297

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**From:** "Dave McBride" <DMCBRIDE1036@comcast.net>  
**To:** ""To:" <advocacy@preservationalliance.com>  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Sun 07/15/12 9:33 AM  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Type:** Embedded HTML/Text

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this statement of support for the Preservation Alliance's comments on the proposed changes to 52 Pa. Code § 59.18 pertaining to meter set location (Docket No. L-2009-2107155). I believe that, absent the Preservation Alliance's proposed changes, the historic integrity and visual character of Philadelphia and other communities across the state will be unnecessarily diminished by these new regulations.

I also believe that there are serious safety issues when a gas meter is placed this close to vehicular traffic as would be the case in the narrow streets in my area. A car running out of control would be able to set off a series of explosions by hitting two or three meters thus devastating the block, where currently all that would happen is some structural damage to the front of the houses affected.

The radio transmitter that has been used for years to read my meter has worked flawlessly. If the gas needed to be shut off it can be currently shut off from the street.

Thank you.

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**From:** "David S. Cohen" <dsc250@gmail.com>

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** gas meter regulations

**Sent:** Sun 07/15/12 7:31 AM

**Priority:** Normal

**Type:** Embeded HTML/Text

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Thank you.

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**From:** etteric@aol.com

**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com

**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Sat 07/14/12 2:21 PM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

G. Eric Johansen  
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**From:** Cynthia.Temple@phila.gov  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Mon 07/16/12 2:18 PM  
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To: [advocacy@preservationalliance.com](mailto:advocacy@preservationalliance.com)  
Subject: Gas Meter Regulations

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Thank you.

Cynthia Temple  
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**From:** Kathy Dilonardo <kathydilon@gmail.com>  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Sat 07/14/12 1:52 PM  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Regina Colantonio <regina.colantonio@gmail.com>  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Sat 07/14/12 1:25 PM  
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Thank you.

Regina Colantonio  
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**From:** Dave Hammond <davesinphilly@aol.com>  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter relocations

**Sent:** Sat 07/14/12 10:30 AM  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Type:** Embedded HTML/Text

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My house, built in the 1760's was converted to a triplex many years ago. So there are three residential meters plus the one for the heat and hot water in my basement. Won't it look great to see four meters outside my house? What a disgrace!

Thank you.

G. David Hammond  
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Philadelphia, PA 19147

**From:** Anne Cecil <anne@minervamedia.com>  
**To:** advocacy@preservationalliance.com  
**Subject:** Gas Meter Regulations

**Sent:** Sat 07/14/12 7:13 AM  
**Priority:** Normal  
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Thank you.

Anne Cecil  
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Sunday, July 15, 2012

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Public Utility Commission, Re: L 2009 2107155/57-277 IRRC # 2905  
vs Philadelphia Historic Commission & Preservation Alliance

This letter is in support of the preservation of Historic home - No installation of Gas Meters.  
What does preservation mean, to maintain an item to retain it unchanged unaffected in appearance as much as possible? To not alter purposely by any man made means.

We, American essentially need to comply with the basic rules that have been made to maintain the present that has given us our stability for the future. Preservation, which is what it purely means. Can we just to that? Yes we can.

The compliance that should be on the table be of assistance to the person that is paying the gas or any other utility to pay for or give a tax credit for the Historic Home gas bills. Especially since the President have given mandates for historic properties.

The PUC should use these funds for projects that ensure the preservation of these homes, not ways to make these home look as though they have been assimilated as the other properties have been and made to look ordinary.

I am frankly ashamed to have the PA PUC even request this changes to be made to these homes. It is just giving the PA PUC the authorization to place graffiti on the Historic homes, and it is against the law to place graffiti on any other building, men are incarcerated for this unsightly crime to any building, This is secondary reason why the preservation alliance should not allow it to occur to these historic homes.

It is not a necessity for any Historic home in Pennsylvania to go through this change; this change should not be an accepted law in PA for Historic homes. Please do not allow this to happen, this will allow these homes to lose their historic integrity.

Mrs. Sandra Lark