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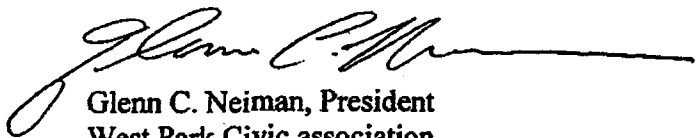
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attn: Mr. Robert F. Powelson, Chairman
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

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

Dear Chairman Powelson,

I am writing on behalf of the West Park Civic Association in Allentown Pennsylvania and as a representative of the West Park Historic District regarding the external placement of gas meters. Both organizations are opposed to this action. Fundamentally this goes against everything we have achieved in preserving the curb appearances of the homes in our historic district. With no demonstrated improvements to safety, this unnecessary change is not only an attack on our preservation cause, but also an unwarranted expense.

To the contrary, moving the meters outside presents new potential risks to safety. The elements can compromise the integrity of the units and lead to failure, vehicle crashes into the external meters have proved to be catastrophic, and tampering by vandals, children playing with them, and use as hitching posts for bicycles and strollers can all lead to compromised connections and potential disaster. Obviously there was some logical thought process to putting the meters inside in the first place, possibly the ones noted above. The West Park Civic Association sees no valid reason to reverse this logic and no compelling arguments have been given to change this opinion.


Glenn C. Neiman, President
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