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John F. Mizner, Esquire, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Mizner:

I am writing to share my support for two regulatory packages adopted by the Public Utility Commission and currently before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

The first rulemaking will accelerate the timeline by which an electric customer's choice to change electric generation suppliers is effectuated. The current system can result in delays of a month or more, which can discourage customers from selecting a new supplier and too often delays the benefits that originally attracted the customer to select a new supplier. Reducing the timeframe for effectuating a change in electric generation supplier will result in increased savings and other benefits to consumers, while further encouraging additional electric generation suppliers to enter Pennsylvania's market. This is particularly important and timely given the need for consumers who desire to switch to a more favorable supply agreement.

The second rulemaking will incorporate added consumer protections for customers who chose to change their electric generation supplier. Presenting clear and transparent information about the terms and conditions of contracts, and providing enhanced communication throughout the term of a contract, is critically important to ensuring that consumers are fully apprised and able to make informed decisions regarding their electric generation supply choice.

Pennsylvanians can rightfully be proud of our commitment to competitive electricity markets, which has provided innumerable benefits to consumers. These additional steps will help continue to foster a healthy competitive market in the Commonwealth. Given recent concerns regarding the impact of fluctuating electricity prices on Pennsylvania consumers, I believe the use of the final-omitted rulemaking process is appropriate and I encourage the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to support these rulemakings.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Corbett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Corbett" clearly distinguishable.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

cc: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissioners