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Senate of Pennsylvania

April 15, 2014

The Honorable John F. Mizner
Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harristown II
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Final Omitted Rulemakings: L-2014-2409383 and L-2014-2409385

Dear Chairman Mizner:

We would like to express our support of the Public Utility Commission's above-captioned final omitted rulemakings. These rulemakings address two important issues:

- Reducing the time it takes to change electricity suppliers; and
- Providing electric shopping customers with greater, uniform detail in electric supplier disclosure statements and more timely information on "contract renewal" and "change in terms" notices.

We believe that the public interest would be served by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission acting expeditiously to ensure that electric shopping customers receive accurate, timely documentation. Likewise, it's critical to require electric distribution companies (EDCs) to accelerate switching so that customers can change electricity suppliers within three business days once the EDC has been notified - rather than the typical, and far too long, 16 to 45 days it takes now. These important changes will help protect customers who may be caught in a future situation similar to what happened during the Polar Vortex in the earlier months of this year.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore

Dominic Pileggi
Majority Leader

Robert Tomlinson
Chair, Senate Consumer
Protection & Professional
Licensure Committee

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