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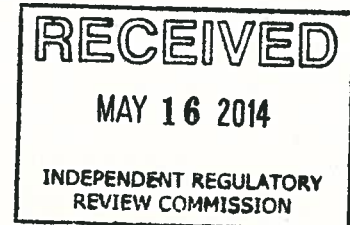
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John F. Mizner
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Final Omitted Rulemaking

- Regulation #57-305; Amending Regulations Regarding Disclosure Statement for Residential and Small Business Customers and the Provision of Notices of Contract Expiration or Changes in Terms for Residential and Small Business Customers
- Regulation #57-306; Amending Regulations Regarding Standards for Changing a Customer's Electricity Generation Supplier

Dear Chairman Mizner:

As the Democratic Chairman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, I am writing to express my strong support for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Final-Omitted Regulations that are currently before the Commission regarding electric consumer protections and urge the Commission's approval of the regulations.

In the last few months, Senate members have been inundated with calls from constituents who had variable rate contracts for their electricity. Many of them experienced extremely high electric bills during this past winter. These high prices affected many residential and small business customers in Pennsylvania. I remain concerned about this situation and want to make sure that steps are taken to ensure that it does not happen again.

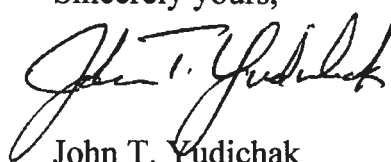
Two of the most common complaints from constituents have been they did not understand the details of their variable rate contract and the lack of information from their electric supplier. The situation was made worse when customers were unable to switch suppliers in a timely fashion.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has initiated two regulations to remedy these issues. The first regulation will improve disclosure statements that are provided to customers about the variable rate contracts. This will allow consumers to

make more informed choices when shopping for electricity. The second regulation will shorten the time it takes for customers to switch suppliers should they wish to do so.

I applaud the effort of the Public Utility Commission to advance these regulations. I would urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to approve the regulations so that consumers will have the benefit of them as we head into the summer cooling season.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Yudichak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John T. Yudichak
State Senator

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