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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
George Bedwick, Chairman
333 Market St, 14th Floor
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Re: ID Number 57-304
PUC Docket No. L-2014-2404361

Dear Chairman Bedwick,

I am writing to offer comments on the Public Utility Commission's recently finalized changes to the implementation of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004.

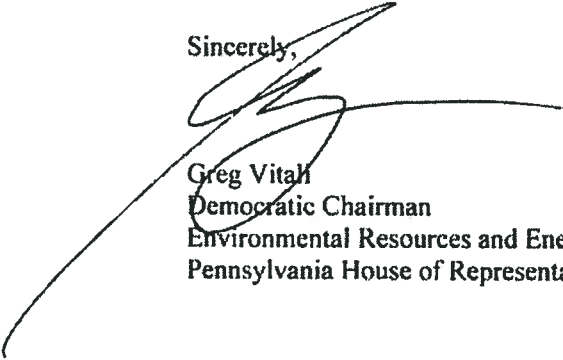
The Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act was meant to encourage the use of and investment in renewable energy. The recent revisions to the PUC's rulemaking go against the intent of the General Assembly by imposing unnecessary caps on net metering that will effectively discourage new renewable energy ventures by nonutilities.

During its revision, the PUC adopted new regulations that impose a cap on the amount of surplus electricity that customer-generators can sell back to utilities. This cap will be measured at 200 percent of their annual electricity consumption. While drastically limiting the benefits of renewable energy installation for consumers, this provision also lacks statutory authority. The AEPS Act clearly outlines size requirements for consumer generators; imposing an additional limitation would be redundant.

In addition, the imposition of new fees on consumer generators is in direct contradiction of Act No. 35 of 2007, which ensures that consumer generators engaged in net metering receive "full retail value" for the energy produced.

In light of these comments, I would like to express my opposition to this regulation and urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to disapprove.

Sincerely,


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