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RE: Docket L-2014-2404361-Proposed Net Metering Charges

Dear Commissioners:

Lancaster Veterinary Associates is a private business providing veterinary, herd production medicine, nutritional, and feed management planning services to dairy producers in Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks, York, and Cumberland counties. Our business is almost exclusively with dairy producers.

We currently have four clients with digesters and methane powered generators as part of their dairy facilities to aid them in meeting regulations for nutrient management in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed as well as providing diversity and income to their businesses. Often a major obstacle to expansion and growth of a dairy enterprise is meeting regulations for manure management. Progressive dairy producers have seen digesters and alternative energy systems as a means to reduce their carbon footprint, meet nutrient management requirements, and become leaders in the industry for environmental stewardship. Through diversity in their business it has provided additional income especially helpful in economic down times and helped attract future generations to remain on the farm.

It is our view that dairy producers that adopt this technology do so as responsible citizens of the food production industries and not solely for financial gain. Dairy production is vital to Pennsylvania and to our planet as a means of converting fiber and byproducts that humans cannot consume into highly nutritious food for humans.

We urge you to recognize the role that digesters can play in keeping dairy farmers in business by providing an exemption within the rules that allow for farmers to continue to seek and use alternative energy solutions, waive the required approval for nameplate capacity over 500KW, allow the general services rate to apply for on farm digester system meters installed for net metering purposes, and waive the 110% limit on the size of on farm generation systems.

Thank you much for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,
Lancaster Veterinary Associates

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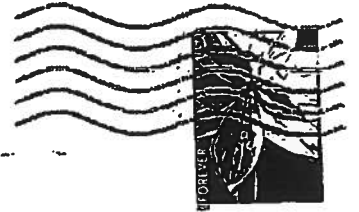
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