INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 15, 2017

George D. Bedwick, Chairman John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman W. Russell Faber Murray Ufberg, Esq. Dennis A. Watson, Esq.

Regulation No. 57-313 (#3132) Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Electric Safety Regulations

On January 27, 2016, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57. The proposed regulation was published in the February 6, 2016 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period that ended on March 7, 2016. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 11, 2017.

This rulemaking amends existing regulations to facilitate safety inspections of electric utilities by the PUC's Electric Safety Division. In addition, the regulation addresses the separation of electric utilities and customer responsibilities, record-keeping requirements and enforcement. It also references the National Electric Safety Code (Code) and requires electric utilities to adhere to the Code.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa. C.S. §§ 501 and 1501) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.