INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 20, 2023

George D. Bedwick, Chairman John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman, Dissenting John J. Soroko, Esq., Dissenting Murray Ufberg, Esq. Dennis A. Watson, Esq.

Regulation No. 7-580 (#3363) Environmental Quality Board Control of VOC Emissions from Conventional Oil and Natural Gas Sources

On November 30, 2022, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Environmental Quality Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapter 129. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this final regulation. Governor Tom Wolf certified the regulation as necessary to meet an emergency on November 30, 2022. The regulation was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on December 10, 2022. However, the Board has designated December 2, 2022 as the effective date of the regulation.

This rulemaking adopts reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements and RACT emission limitations for conventional oil and natural gas sources of volatile organic compound emissions.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (35 P.S. § § 4005(a)(l) and (8)) 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.

Approval of this rulemaking should in no way be considered to be precedential for future emergency rulemakings where the effective date deviates from Section 6(d) of the Regulatory Review Act.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

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George D. Bedwick, Chairman