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April 27, 2000

Honorable James M. Seif, Chairman Environmental Quality Board Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street, 16th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #7-339 (#2007) Environmental Quality Board Surface Coating Processes (RBI #4)

Dear Chairman Seif:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its April 27, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at http://www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Singerely,

John R. McGinley, Jr.

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cc: Sharon Freeman Barbara Sexton

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Environmental Quality Board Surface Coating Processes (RBI #4) Regulation No. 7-339

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On February 17, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Environmental Quality Board. This rulemaking amends 25 Pa. Code Chapters 121, 129 and 139. The authority for this regulation is found in the Air Pollution Control Act (35 P.S. §§ 4001 – 4015). The proposed regulation was published in the March 6, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, with a 65-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 19, 2000, but was subsequently withdrawn on February 8, 2000. It was revised and resubmitted on March 28, 2000.

This rulemaking amends existing procedures for determining compliance with volatile organic compound (VOC) emission limits for various surface-coating processes. It also establishes new presumptive reasonably available control technology requirements for wood furniture manufacturing facilities with actual or potential emissions of 25 tons or more of VOCs per year.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Regulation No. 7-339 from the Environmental Quality Board, as resubmitted to the Commission on March 28, 2000, is approved; and
- 2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman