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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor,  
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RE: Beaver Run/ French Creek Upgrade, IRRC No. 2872, Reg. No. 7-461

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

The Chester County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses our strong support for the upgrade of French Creek and the Beaver Run from a "High Quality" designation to the designation of "Exceptional Value" and we strongly encourage the members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to approve the recommendations presented by the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). Over the course of the last 6 years since this petition was filed, the Department has done an exhaustive analysis of the conditions in French Creek and Beaver Run and have come to the conclusion that the Beaver Run and the main stem of French Creek from the confluence of the Beaver Run downstream to the Kennedy Covered Bridge should receive the designation of "Exceptional Value". We ask that you support their recommendation.

The upgrade of these stream reaches to "Exceptional Value" is consistent with several components of "Watersheds - An Integrated Water Resources Management Plan for Chester County and its Watersheds". The "Watersheds" Plan was adopted by the Chester County Board of Commissioners in 2003 as the water resources component of the County's comprehensive land use policy plan - "Landscapes2". Both "Watersheds" and "Landscapes2" include policies, objectives and strategies that encourage and support municipal and local efforts to protect, preserve, and enhance the streams, wetlands, and natural resources of the County's watersheds so that these resources are available for their economic and environmental benefits for future generations. This proposed upgrade for these 2 streams is consistent with both "Landscape 2" and "Watersheds".

Several of the municipalities within the upgrade area have shown their commitment to protection of these water resources through ordinances and planning measures. The upgrade of French Creek and Beaver Run to Exceptional Value will provide further protection for these valuable resources that are an integral part of the economy, culture, and quality of life so important to the citizens of Chester County.

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We urge the Commission to approve the upgrade of French Creek and Beaver Run as recommended by the EQB and PADEP. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

by *Carol Aichele* by *Terence Farrell* by *Kathi Cozzone*  
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Please accept the attached - I am forwarding this comment letter on behalf of the Chester County Board of Commissioners. A hard copy of the letter will follow via regular mail.

Thank you  
Jan Bowers

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