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John Mizner, Chairman
PA Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: The PA Public Utility Commission's "Rulemaking to Amend the Provisions of 52 Pa. Code, Section 54.5 and to add Section 54.10 Regarding Contract Renewal Provisions" (Regulation # 57-305, IRRC # 3052), and "Proposed Rulemaking: Standards for Changing a Customer's Electricity Generation Supplier" (Regulation #57-306, IRRC #3054)

Dear Chairman Mizner,

Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) is a non-profit environmental advocacy organization that focuses on land, air, water and energy issues impacting Pennsylvania. PennFuture is a strong supporter of competitive electricity shopping, especially as it gives consumers the option to choose environmentally preferred sources of electricity generation, such as products that support the development of renewable energy (e.g. wind, solar). Along with the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard law of 2004 that requires a certain percentage of electricity sold in Pennsylvania to be supplied by renewable energy, voluntary purchase of renewable energy on the competitive market is critical to growing clean energy sources in the commonwealth and beyond.

PennFuture regularly engages in public outreach and education efforts about electricity shopping and renewable energy product options. From our experience, it is clear consumers still have many questions about how to shop for electricity, including how to understand the differences between the myriad product offerings in the market. In addition, recent power price spikes this winter have resulted in greater consumer concern and confusion about how the markets function and how to protect themselves from cost increases.

As such, PennFuture supports positive steps to increase consumer information and awareness, and to increase consumer flexibility to respond to changing market dynamics. PennFuture looks forward to working with the Commission, legislature and other stakeholders to make additional improvements aimed at educating and protecting consumers. We also support Commission efforts to oversee supplier compliance with existing requirements, to help ensure consumers are protected.

Sincerely,



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