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Chairman George D. Bedwick
Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Environmental Quality Board Regulation #7-535 (IRRC #3150)
Stream Redesignation – Swiftwater Creek

Dear Chairman Bedwick:

Weiler Corporation provides this letter in support of the comments submitted by Pocono Manor Investors, LP ("Pocono Manor") on the Environmental Quality Board's ("EQB") Regulation #7-535 (IRRC #3150), which would reclassify the Designated Use of Swiftwater Creek to Exceptional Value ("EV"). Weiler Corporation agrees, for the reasons raised by Pocono Manor, that the findings in PADEP's February 2016 Stream Redesignation Evaluation Report (the "Report"), which provides the technical basis for Regulation #7-535, are not supported by sound science or consistent with PADEP's regulations and guidance.

Weiler Corporation is very concerned that this redesignation will further impact negatively on the Economic growth of the Pocono Area. Monroe County has been losing population over the last 5 years mainly due to high property taxes and these taxes have not been offset by economic growth.

Furthermore, Weiler Corporation is deeply disturbed by the lack of actual notice provided to Pocono Manor, which is the entity most greatly impacted by this proposed reclassification, even after Pocono Manor had made PADEP aware that it was adamantly opposed to the reclassification of Swiftwater Creek to EV. Weiler Corporation joins Pocono Manor in requesting that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("IRRC") defer action on Regulation #7-535 to allow time for Pocono Manor to thoroughly review PADEP's underlying data and develop additional factual information regarding the proper classification of Swiftwater Creek to present to PADEP, the EQB, and IRRC, as appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl M. Weiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karl M. Weiler
Chairman

cc: Patrick McDonnell, PADEP Secretary
The Honorable Senator Gene Yaw, Chair, PA Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
The Honorable Senator John Yudichak, Minority Chair, PA Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
The Honorable Representative John Maher, Chair, PA House of Representatives Environment Resource and Energy Committee
The Honorable Representative Mike Carroll, Minority Chair, PA House of Representatives Environment Resource and Energy Committee
Annie Lamberton, Supervisor, Tobyhanna Township
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