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# Pocono Mountain School District

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Via Electronic Mail

Chairman George D. Bedwick  
Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
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Re: Environmental Quality Board Regulation #7-535 (IRRC #3150)  
Stream Redesignation – Swiftwater Creek


Dear Chairman Bedwick:

Pocono Mountain School District 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"). Pocono Mountain School District 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.

Furthermore, Pocono Mountain School District 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.

Pocono Mountain School District 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.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary

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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  
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