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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

In re: Docket No. P-00072341
Petition of Equitable Gas Company For A Three-Year Limited (Partial and
Temporary) Waiver of 52 Pa. Code § 56.21 Relating to Mailing and Physical
Delivery of Customer Bills

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We represent Equitable Gas Company, LLC, in the above matter in which the Public Utility Commission by Order entered August 7, 2008, approved the Company's petition for a limited, partial, temporary waiver of the Commission's Regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 56.21, to allow customers an "e-billing" option. In its Order entered August 7, 2008, the Commission approved a waiver of the Regulation for a period of three years with a directive to Equitable that, if it desired to extend the waiver, it must petition the Commission at least twelve months prior to the waiver's expiration.

By Order entered September 2, 2009, at Docket No. L-00060182, the Commission granted a blanket waiver of the Regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 56.21, allowing all fixed utilities to provide customers an "e-billing" option. On July 30, 2010, we filed a letter with you advising that, with the blanket waiver in effect, Equitable believes that the requirement of the Order entered August 7, 2008, to petition to extend the exemption has been superseded and that it, accordingly, will not be filing a petition to extend unless it is otherwise directed to do so. A copy of our letter of July 30 is attached.

At the request of Commission Staff, we are, by this letter, resubmitting and expanding the discussion presented in our letter of July 30. Initially, at the request of Staff, we, in the preceding paragraph, have corrected the docket number reference to the Order entered September 2, 2009. The reference to Docket No. L-00070182 in our letter of July 30 was taken from the Commission's Secretarial Letter transmitting the Order entered September 2, 2009 to "All Parties." The correct docket number, however, is L-00060182.

Additionally, at the further request of Commission Staff, Equitable, by this letter, is confirming that it has made no changes and is not planning any changes to its "e-billing" option as a result of the Order entered September 2, 2009 granting the blanket waiver of Section 56.21 to all fixed utilities. As presented in information filed with the Commission on August 5, 2010, Equitable currently has

approximately 7,000 residential and approximately 100 commercial customers who have chosen to participate in "e-billing."

Information explaining the "e-billing" option is provided to customers, at a minimum, semi-annually, through bill inserts. The availability of the "e-billing" option is also printed on the outside of Equitable's billing envelope and identified on the home page of Equitablegas.com. Equitable, therefore, is not planning any supplemental notice to customers or supplemental distribution of program information to customers as a result of the blanket order.

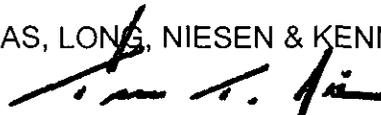
As recognized by the Commission in its Order entered August 7, 2008, adequate notice of Equitable's initial waiver petition was provided through service of the petition on the statutory advocates and the Bureau of Consumer Services. Inasmuch as Equitable has made no changes and is not planning any changes to its "e-billing" option as a result of the blanket waiver order, Equitable does not believe that any further or supplemental notice is now required. Equitable, however, will continue to provide customers information about the "e-billing" option as explained in the preceding paragraph.

Please advise the undersigned if anything further is required in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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