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RE: Petition of West Penn Power Company d/b/a Allegheny Power for Expedited Approval of its Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan PUC Docket No. M-2009-2123951

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") submits this Letter of Non-opposition to the Amended Joint Petition for Settlement filed in this matter with the Public Utility Commission on March 9, 2011. As indicated in footnote one on page one of the Amended Joint Petition for Settlement, although not a signatory to the Joint Settlement the Department is not opposing the terms of the Settlement. Copies of this Letter have been served on all parties listed on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kurt Klapkowski

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Hon. Mark A. Hoyer

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Approval of its Smart Meter Technology:

Procurement and Installation Plan :

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, Letter of Non-opposition to the Amended Joint Petition for Settlement of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner upon the persons listed below:

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