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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attn: Secretary,
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RE: Docket L-2014-2404361

Proposed Net Metering Changes

Dear Commissioners:

Our farm installed an anaerobic digester system in 2010-2011 to treat manure from pig and dairy barn at our farm. In December 2011 we began to produce electricity from manure from 130 cows and 4,400 nursery pigs. We have a genset rated at 40 kW installed.

Our farm is on a Residential Rate tariff with PP&L.

Our farm occasionally receives food waste brought in from haulers. Food waste and manure is converted into fertilizer and fuel by the digester system. The food waste received are materials that cannot be used as animal feed and would otherwise go into the landfill as liquid materials are not easily dry composted. If we received the maximum amount of food waste as allowed by permitting with the DEP our maximum electricity production would double to roughly 64-80 kW/hr.

Limiting farms with residential Service to 50 KW is not a policy that will encourage smaller farms to build digester projects. It just so happens that our farm is under the 50 KW proposed limit, but we would like to have the option to replace what we have with a larger engine-generator at some point in the near future.

The revenue generated from our digester has been a welcome source of income. The only thing predictable about our farm business is that there will be good years and then there will be bad years. The digester is a reliable source of revenue that helps keep us in farming. Digesters support the financial security of farms.

Sincerely,



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