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Re: *Joint Application of Pike County Light and Power Company, Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. for: a Certificate of Public Convenience Evidencing the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Approval of: the Transfer by Sale of 100% of the Issued and Outstanding Stock of Pike County Light & Power Company, etc., Docket Nos.: A-2015-2517111, A-2015-2517036, G-2015-2517113, G-2015-2517114, S-2015-2517115, S-2015-2517116*

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

As House Representative for Pennsylvania's 139<sup>th</sup> District, which includes the service territory of Pike County Power & Light Company ("PCL&P"), I am writing to offer my perspective as you consider the proposed acquisition of PCL&P by Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation ("CNGHC").

As you are aware, rural areas and communities have diverse service needs and present unique challenges to public utilities. CNGHC's companies, Corning Natural Gas and Leatherstocking Gas, have successful track records of providing reliable, affordable service to rural areas and communities similar to those located within PCL&P's service territory. In Pennsylvania, Leatherstocking Gas is bringing "local gas to local people." Leatherstocking currently purchases all of its natural gas supply from Pennsylvania Marcellus Shale and has made significant investments to bring natural gas service to areas previously without service and to improve the reliability of its system.

The proposed acquisition will bring the same corporate expertise and commitment to local communities that have made Leatherstocking Gas a highly respected natural gas service utility to PCL&P's natural gas and electric systems. In addition, it is my understanding that CNGHC plans to hire local residents and utilize local vendors to operate and supply PCL&P upon consummation of the acquisition.

For all of these reasons, I believe CNGHC's acquisition of PCL&P will produce benefits for those living and working in PCL&P's territory. Therefore, I'd like to join with the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Pike County Commissioners and the Pike County Economic Development Authority and support, conditioned upon the company abiding by all state and federal laws and regulation, the Commission's swift consideration and approval of the transaction.

Sincerely,



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