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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor (filing room)
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: *Joint Application of Pike County Light and Power Company, Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. for: a Certificate or Certificates 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 state senator for Pennsylvania's 23rd Senatorial District, which includes the service territory of Leatherstocking Gas Company, I am writing to offer my perspective as you consider the proposed acquisition of Pike County Power & Light Company ("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.

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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 and continue the expansion of natural gas distribution networks in rural Pennsylvania. Therefore, I'd like to join with the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and the Pike County Economic Development Authority and support the Commission's swift consideration and approval of the transaction.

Sincerely,



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cc: Gladys M. Brown, Chairman
Andrew G. Place, Vice-Chairman
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