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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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October 12, 2017

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Keystone Building, 400 North Street
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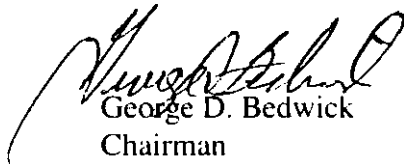
Re: Regulation #57-311 (IRRC #3131) (L-2015-2498111)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Steam Heat Distribution System Safety Regulations

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,



George D. Bedwick
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Robert W. Godshall, Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 12, 2017

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Regulation No. 57-311 (#3131)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Steam Heat Distribution System Safety
Regulations

On January 27, 2016, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code Chapters 61 and 67. The proposed regulation was published in the February 6, 2016 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period ending March 7, 2016. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 11, 2017.

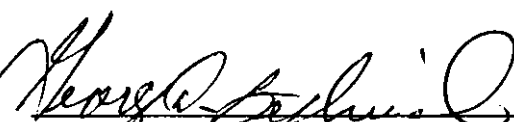
This rulemaking facilitates safety inspections of steam utilities by the PUC's Pipeline Safety Division. The regulations modernize and update accident reporting requirements and add requirements for notification of major construction, operating and maintenance plans, customer education, recordkeeping, employee training, periodic inspections, steam leaks and emergency reports, welding and service outage reports.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa. C.S. §§ 501 and 1501) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman