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To: All Members of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Re: Implementation of Act 58 of 2018 Alternative Ratemaking for Utilities

Docket No. M-2018-3003269

Dear Member:

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' 45,000 members and retirees living in the state of Pennsylvania, we urge you to adopt the alternative ratemaking mechanism that is currently before you.

As our Electric Distribution Companies (EDCs) embark on the twenty-first century utility model, they will need to be better equipped to serve our communities as well as attract ever changing industry to our state. They have already done the former by implementing wildly successful energy efficiency programs that have curbed demand and usage.

By adopting the alternative ratemaking initiative, it will allow our utilities to expand their current business footprint without burdening consumers. We feel this approach would allow the PUC to obtain its goal of harmonizing ratemaking and allow the EDCs to explore innovative technology.

This initiative, coupled with our state's resources, positions Pennsylvania to be at the forefront of the next technological wave. With our in-state universities, employers who reside in this state and our already highly skilled workforce, we can capitalize on opportunities in front of us. With this combination, utilities could increase reliability, perform maintenance and incentively make investments in modern technology while increasing safety for workers and the public.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

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