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Re: Application Of Leatherstocking Gas
Company, LLC to Supply Natural Gas
Service to the Public in Certain Townships
and Boroughs in Northern Susquehanna
County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2011-2275595

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Prehearing Memorandum, in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Mullins".

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Enclosures

cc: Honorable David A. Salapa
Certificate of Service

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application Of Leatherstocking Gas :
Company, LLC to Supply Natural Gas :
Service to the Public in Certain Townships : Docket No. A-2011-2275595
and Boroughs in Northern Susquehanna :
County, Pennsylvania :

PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to Section 333 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 333, and in response to the Prehearing Conference Order issued in the above-captioned matter, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) provides the following information:

I. INTRODUCTION

On November 23, 2011, Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC (Leatherstocking or Company) filed an Application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) requesting approval to begin to offer, render, furnish, or supply natural gas service to customers in northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, in the Townships of Bridgewater, Forest Lake, Great Bend, Harmony, New Milford and Oakland, and in the Boroughs of Great Bend, Hallstead, Lanesboro, Montrose, New Milford, Oakland and Susquehanna. The Company's Application was filed pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1103 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code and the stated purpose is to provide local or Marcellus Shale gas to Pennsylvania customers.

On December 27, 2011, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed its Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in this matter. The Company's filing was assigned to the

Office of Administrative Law Judge and further assigned to Administrative Law Judge David A. Salapa. On January 13, 2012, a Notice of Prehearing Conference was issued, which set the prehearing conference for February 14, 2012. The OCA files this Prehearing Memorandum in accordance with the Notice of Prehearing Conference.

II. ISSUES AND SUB-ISSUES

At present, the OCA anticipates that the main issue to be examined is whether the Application of Leatherstocking should be granted. Additionally, the OCA anticipates that if the Application is granted, issues as to any associated conditions may also be raised. The OCA expects that these issues and any other issues that may affect the public interest will be examined in this proceeding.

III. WITNESSES

The OCA has not yet determined whether the testimony of an expert witness is necessary. The OCA specifically reserves the right to call a witness (or witnesses), as necessary. As soon as the OCA has determined whether a witness or witnesses will be necessary for any portion of its case, Your Honor and all parties of record will be notified.

IV. SERVICE ON OCA

The OCA will be represented in this case by Assistant Consumer Advocate, James A. Mullins and Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate, Tanya J. McCloskey. Two copies of all documents should be served on the OCA as follows:

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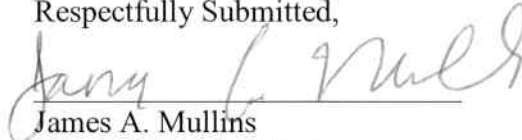
As a courtesy, the OCA requests that all electronic correspondence be copied to Cammie

A. Shoen (CShoen@paoca.org).

VI. SCHEDULE

The OCA will work with the other parties to address any scheduling issues.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Dated: February 10, 2012
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Application of Leatherstocking Gas Company, :
LLC to Supply Natural Gas Service to the : Docket No. A-2011-2275595
Public in Certain Townships and Boroughs in :
Northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Prehearing Memorandum, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 10th day of February 2012.

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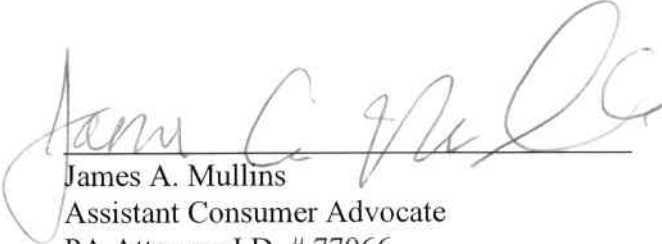
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