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September 3, 2014

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Docket No. L-2014-2404361

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am writing to offer comments on the Public Utility Commission's proposal regarding the Implementation of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004 (PUC Docket No. L-2014-2404361).

As Democratic Chairman of the House of Representatives' Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and a lawmaker who supported the passage of the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, I would like to express my concerns with the Commission's proposal. The intent of the legislature in enacting alternative energy portfolio standards was to promote the purchase of renewable energy such as solar photovoltaic by electric distribution and supply companies. I am concerned that this proposal would create ambiguity and place additional restrictions on the program that could limit the installation of solar energy systems and other renewable energy sources, and could potentially cause economic harms to owners of existing distributed generation systems.

Additionally, as a co-sponsor of Act No. 35 of 2007, which amended the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act to ensure that excess generation from net-metered customer-generators receive "full retail value for all energy produced on an annual basis," I believe that the proposed changes to the program to authorize utilities to charge new fees to customer-generators are incongruous with the Act.

In light of my concerns, I would like to endorse the attached comments offered by a coalition of interested stakeholders including PennFuture, the Clean Air Council, the Sierra Club, The Reinvestment Fund, the Pennsylvania Solar Energy Industries Association and the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Vitali", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Vitali
Democratic Chairman
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