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Attn: Secretary  
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RE: WEST PENN POWER DOCKET NO. R-2014-2428742

Chairman Powelson, Vice Chairman Coleman, Commissioner Cawley, Commissioner Witmer and Commissioner Brown:

Pennsylvania businesses need access to reliable and affordable energy. This requires a regulatory climate and necessary infrastructure to foster exploration, production, generation, transmission, and distribution systems throughout Pennsylvania. The Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce supports a variety of efforts to increase production, conservation, delivery, and new energy technology.

It is our understanding that West Penn Power's proposed rate request is currently pending before the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Clearly, *no one* wants to pay more than necessary for vital services such as electricity. So we ask you to carefully consider any advantages a rate increase would have in creating a more robust electric transmission and distribution infrastructure to the residents and businesses in Westmoreland County. As a business community, we depend on West Penn Power's ability to ensure the continued delivery of affordable, reliable electric service, which in turn supports the continued growth and vitality of our community. We are dependent upon your unique perspective and authority to ensure that West Penn Power is able to continue to provide and expand its vital services to our community.

In our experience, West Penn Power has done an outstanding job of keeping uninterrupted power flowing to our homes and businesses through the years and we acknowledge the significant effort it has taken to build and maintain the extensive electrical infrastructure that supports Westmoreland County. The infrastructure itself, and the reliable service delivered, does seem remarkable considering that West Penn Power has been able to maintain and expand its service without a rate increase in 20 years.

Thank you for your consideration and please file this letter as part of the formal proceeding under Docket No. R-2014-2428742.

Best regards,

Chad Armond  
President



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