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#### RE: Proposed merger between Equitable Resources and Dominion Peoples/Dominion Hope

Dear Commissioner Pizzingrilli,

In March Equitable announced a proposed merger with two (2) Dominion entities, Peoples Gas and Hope Gas. Along with the usual rhetoric about serving the customers more efficiently and cost savings resulting from the elimination of redundancies, there was the projected economic stimulus of creating 200 jobs in the region. Local Union 1956, IBEW just got a taste of this job creation. Equitable has announced the outsourcing of the Pittsburgh based call center to a facility in Johnstown, PA and the loss of 27 jobs.

Despite our repeated attempts and willingness to work through this call center matter, Equitable refused to negotiate the issue or open complete negotiations two (2) months early as our existing collective bargaining agreement expires in January of 2007. Our proposed concessions and ideas would have resulted in substantial savings to Equitable's bottom line and made our call center competitive with the operations quote from the call center in Johnstown.

We are asking you to exert your influence on Equitable to bring this work back to Pittsburgh, encourage the Company to negotiate the pertinent issues with Local Union 1956, IBEW and, in addition, do what you can to deny the proposed merger. As Equitable has already proven, the merge is not in the best interest of Pittsburghers, it will reduce competiveness in the service territory and has not created one (1) new job without costing an existing job.

For additional information please contact Dennis Mosco, Local Union 1956, IBEW at 1-412-765-2170 - Please leave a message.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mosco

Cc: IVP Siegel IR Schlosser All area elected officials

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# PRESS RELEASE

## For Immediate Release: August 7, 2006 Contact: Local Union 1956, IBEW 412-765-2170 - Please Leave Message Pittsburgh, PA

The Equitable Gas/Dominion Peoples/Dominion Hope merger announced in March had been billed as creating of 200 jobs in the region. Apparently the term "region" was chosen carefully because *locally* Equitable has announced it has outsourced its call center operations to a facility in Johnstown, PA. This action will result in the elimination of 27 call center jobs in Pittsburgh. The count of jobs created now stands at minus 27. So much for mergers benefiting consumers and workers! These 27 people may have been paying an Equitable gas bill. You should wonder how many of the Johnstown call center workers will be paying an Equitable gas bill and spending their income in Pittsburgh.

The merger is not finalized by the regulatory agencies as of this date. You can express your dismay at the loss of these jobs and support the workers by calling Pennsylvania Utility Commission Chairman Wendell F. Holland at 1-717-787-1031 or toll free 1-800-782-1110. All area elected officials have been notified of Equitable's action and will be interested in your opinion. Don't be bashful – your job may be the next to be "regionalized".





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Mr. James J. McNulty, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Commission Commonwealth Keystone Bldg., 2nd Floor 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Dominion Retail, Inc.

Gentlemen:

By this letter, Dominion Retail, Inc. wishes to inform The Pennsylvania Public Commission of a change of address and telephone information for principal regulatory contacts, effective March 16, 2007. The new information is as follows:

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely. My Gary Á. Jeff

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March 12, 2007





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Re: Change of Address

Dear Secretary Michaity:

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Please be advised that my new business address effective July 6, 2007 will be:

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Thank you for updating your records and for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Susan J. George 10am

