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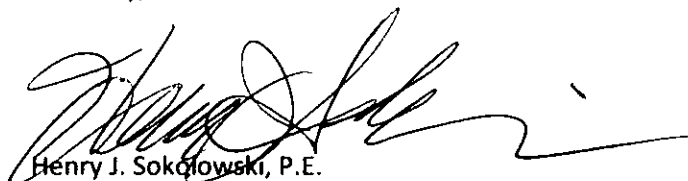
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Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

This letter is in reference to the implementation of Act 40 (Docket No. ~~N20172631527~~) published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for public comment. In my view, the tentative order misses the intent and interpretation of Act 40. Clearly Act 40 was intended to encourage development of solar power within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As interpreted by the Commission, the tentative implementation order narrowly restricts the development of solar power and could be interpreted as a political attempt to satisfy utilities within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who would benefit by continuing to buy SRECs. As a retired employee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I strongly feel that ANY energy or environmental law should be implemented to encourage environmental improvements and energy savings. Your interpretation, which in my opinion grandfathers utilities and fails to further encourage the development of residential solar energy, is contrary to the intention of what Act 40 was passed to do. Many of the States surrounding Pennsylvania require public utilities to acquire SRECs within the borders of their States.

As a homeowner with solar panels and SRECs, I am clearly at a disadvantage to offset the cost of installing solar panels by leaving the SREC market in Pennsylvania open as it is now to allow utilities to go out of State for SRECs. If the utilities in Pennsylvania were required to purchase their SRECs within the borders of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the dollar value of those SRECs would rise and enable homeowners such as myself to gain equal advantage of offsetting solar costs as residents in other States. As you know, the cost of SRECs in surrounding areas such as New Jersey and the District of Columbia are significantly higher and enable their residents to more easily afford residential solar power. Therefore, I strongly oppose the PUC's interpretation as published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Sincerely,

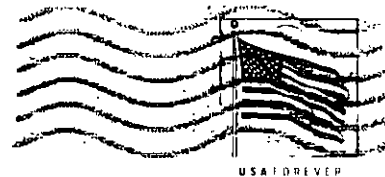


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