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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Filing Room Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Charles Spindler v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004179; Cherie Roddy v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004201; James Leach v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004411; John Hollenbaugh v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004524; Joyce and Thomas Fedusa v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-30043524; Melvin Bines v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004342; Melvin Bines v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004354; Michael Deegan v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-3004354; Michael Deegan v. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.; Docket No. C-2018-300436; KNOX ENERGY COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.'S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.'s Motion for Consolidation of the above captioned Formal Complaints. Hard Copies will follow in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Todd S. Stewart Counsel for Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.

BRB/jld Enclosure cc: Per Certificate of Service

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the forgoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a party). This document has been filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system and served via overnight mail on the following:

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Dated: September 28, 2018

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CHARLES SPINDLE	ÊR	:		
	Complainant,			
v.		:		
KNOX ENERGY COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.		:	Docket No.	C-2018-3004179
	Respondent.	•		
CHERIE RODDY		:		
	Complainant,	:		
v.		÷	Dealert Na	C 2019 2004201
KNOX ENERGY CO ASSOCIATION, INC			Docket No.	C-2018-3004201
	Respondent.	:		
JAMES LEACH		:		
	Complainant,	:		
v.		:	Dookat No	C-2018-3004411
KNOX ENERGY COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.		:	Docket No.	C-2018-3004411
	Respondent.	:		
JOHN HOLLENBAU	GH	:		
	Complainant,	:		
v.		:	~	<b>.</b>
KNOX ENERGY CO ASSOCIATION, INC			Docket No.	C-2018-3004524
	Respondent.			

JOYCE FEDUSA AI THOMAS FEDUSA		:		
	Complainant,	:		
v.		:	Docket No.	C-2018-3004342
KNOX ENERGY COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.		:		
	Respondent.	·		
MELVIN BINES		÷		
	Complainant,	÷		
<b>v.</b> .		:	Docket No	C-2018-3004354
KNOX ENERGY CO ASSOCIATION, INC			Docket No.	C-2010-300+334
	Respondent.	÷		
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MICHAEL DEEGAN			Docket No.	C-2018-3004165
	Complainant, OOPERATIVE		Docket No.	C-2018-3004165
v. KNOX ENERGY CO	Complainant, OOPERATIVE		Docket No.	C-2018-3004165
v. KNOX ENERGY CO	Complainant, OOPERATIVE C.		Docket No.	C-2018-3004165
v. KNOX ENERGY CO ASSOCIATION, INC	Complainant, OOPERATIVE C.		Docket No.	C-2018-3004165
v. KNOX ENERGY CO ASSOCIATION, INC	Complainant, OOPERATIVE C. Respondent.			
v. KNOX ENERGY CO ASSOCIATION, INO NANCY NAIL	Complainant, OOPERATIVE C. Respondent. Complainant,			C-2018-3004165 C-2018-3004346

## NOTICE TO PLEAD

You are hereby advised that, pursuant to the regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at 52 PA Code §§ 5.61, 5.103, you may file an answer to this motion to consolidate with the Secretary's Bureau of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at the following address:

> Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Second Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

Answers must be filed within 20 days from the date of service. A copy of any answer should be served on the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Respondent Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.

Dated: September 28, 2018

### MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

NOW COMES Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. ("Knox"), by and through its counsel, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.81, 5.103, hereby files this Motion to Consolidate the above-captioned Formal Complaints. In support of its Motion, Knox states as follows:

1. Between August 17, 2018 and September 6, 2018, above captioned Complainants filed Formal Complaints against Knox with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission").

2. Between August 22, 2018 and September 7, 2018, Knox was served by the Commission's Secretary the Formal Complaints of the above captioned Complainants.

3. There are common questions of law and fact, as well as identical issues raised, and relief sought by the Complainants warranting consolidation.

4. First, the primary question of law, raised in Knox's Answer and New Matter and Preliminary Objections in the above captioned complaints is identical; the Commission lacks Jurisdiction to hear the complaints. Central to each complaint is the fact that Knox is not a public utility, and thus the Commission does not have jurisdiction to hear third party complaints against non-public utilities.

5. Second, the primary question of fact raised by the above captioned complaints revolves around a single event: Knox's source of natural gas to the Complainants, G&G Gas, is discontinuing use of the local gas wells, and thus terminating Knox's supply for its customers. Knox notified the Complainants on August 2, 2018 that their service would be terminated as of October 31, 2018.

6. The above captioned complaints will require the Commission to address the same questions of law and fact. The consolidation of the proceedings will preserve the time and resources of the parties and the Commission and avoid a duplicative process that could potentially result in different findings of law and fact.

7. Consolidation of these matters will not prejudice the Complainants, who will still have an opportunity to state on the record in the consolidated proceedings the reasons underlying their Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. respectfully requests that the Formal Complaints of the above captioned Complainants at Docket Nos. C-2018-3004179, C-2018-3004201, C-2018-3004411, C-2018-3004524, C-2018-3004342, C-2018-3004354, C-2018-3004165, and C-2018-3004346 be consolidated.

Respectfully submitted Todd S 75556)

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Dated: September 28, 2018

### VERIFICATION

I, Andrew Duckworth, certify that I am the authorized agent of Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc., and that in this capacity I am authorized to, and do make this Verification on their behalf, that the facts set forth in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc., expects to be able to prove the same at any hearing that may be held in this matter. I understand that false statements made therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

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Andrew Duckworth Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc.

DATED: September 28, 2018