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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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Re: Charles Spindler v. KNOX Energy
Cooperative Association, Inc.
Docket No. C-2018-3004179

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne E. Dusman".

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Charles Spindler, :
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Complainant, :
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v. : Docket No. C-2018-3004179
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KNOX Energy Cooperative :
Association, Inc. :
:
Respondent. :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate’s Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 3rd day of October 2018.

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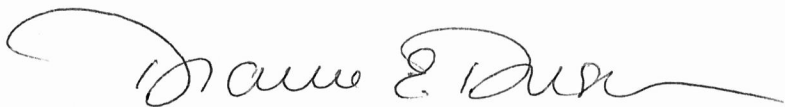
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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to intervene in the proceedings before the Commission involving the Formal Complaint of Charles Spindler against Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. (Knox). Complainant Spindler alleges that Knox has threatened to terminate his service, and that Knox has not adequately maintained the wells, lines and access roads associated with its system. Mr. Spindler further alleges that there is ample gas through other currently unused wells that could be accessed to provide continued service.

The Office of Consumer Advocate has determined to intervene to protect the interest of Mr. Spindler and other similarly situated Pennsylvania consumers who have observed safety issues in their systems and have been threatened with abandonment by Knox.