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October 25, 2019

The Honorable Jason Ortitay Pennsylvania House of Representatives Post Office Box 202046 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

RE:

Notice of En Banc Hearing on Implementation of

Supplier Consolidated Billing Docket Number M-2018-2645254

## Dear Representative Ortitay:

Thank you for your letter dated October 23, 2019 to Chairman Brown Dutrieuille and the Members of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regarding the above captioned proceeding.

Comments to be filed to this docket were due by August 24, 2018. Since this matter is still pending before the Commission, and due to the statutory prohibition on ex-parte communications at 66 Pa. C.S. Section 334(c), please be advised that I am placing your letter on the record at the above docket number.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary of the Commission

CC: June Perry, PUC Legislative Director

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October 23, 2019

The Honorable Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 3rd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Brown Dutrieuille:

I am writing to request a status update with regard to the Commission's examination and consideration of the issue of supplier consolidated billing (SCB) at docket number M-2018-2645254. I have followed with interest the Commission's proceedings on this issue, including the *en banc* hearing held in June 2018.

I believe that, twenty years after the implementation of electric choice in Pennsylvania, there remain steps we can take to allow consumers to further realize the benefits of competition. One of these is to give consumers access to SCB, which allows competitive suppliers to demonstrate the benefits of choice to their customers on a consolidated bill provided by their chosen supplier, just like they get from the suppliers of all the other products and services they buy every day. The competitive market is increasingly able to provide innovative products and services if we enable it to do so. SCB is one of the tools that can bring enhanced benefits for consumers, while maintaining and even strengthening critical consumer protections.

The Commonwealth has made significant investment in smart metering infrastructure, and the Commission has worked to ensure that suppliers have access to that data. It is crucial that we now take the next step to ensure suppliers can put that information and investment to good use by providing customized products and solutions by being able to bill for them on a consolidated bill.

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I respectfully urge the Commission to continue active consideration of SCB and take action to implement it. I look forward to any information you can provide about the current status of the Commission's undertaking and plans to promote enhancements to the competitive market.

Sincerely,

Jason Ortitay

State Representative 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

cc: The Honorable David Sweet, Vice Chairman The Honorable John Coleman, Commissioner The Honorable Andrew Place, Commissioner

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