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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attention: Secretary
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RE: Docket L-2023-3044115, Distributed Energy Resources and Virtual Power Plants

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for the integration of distributed energy resources (DERs) and Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) into Pennsylvania's electricity system, particularly in relation to Docket L-2023-3044115.

As a volunteer with Third Act PA, a group dedicated to advancing renewable energy and ensuring a sustainable future for our state, I believe that embracing DERs and VPPs is crucial for modernizing our grid and transitioning to a cleaner, more resilient energy system.

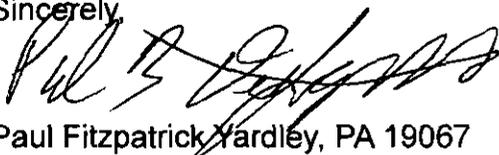
There are numerous compelling reasons for the PUC to mandate the use of DERs and VPPs by utilities:

- **Cost savings for consumers:** Studies have shown that integrating DERs can lead to significant cost savings for electricity consumers by reducing reliance on expensive peak power plants and minimizing transmission losses.
- **Enhanced reliability:** DERs and VPPs offer greater resilience against outages and grid disruptions by decentralizing energy production and distribution, thereby reducing the impact of localized failures.
- **Cost-effectiveness and scalability:** Unlike traditional power plant development, DERs and VPPs can be deployed more quickly and at a lower cost, making them an attractive option for meeting growing energy demand while minimizing environmental impact.
- **Reduction of peaker power plants:** By leveraging DERs and VPPs to manage peak demand, Pennsylvania can reduce its reliance on polluting peaker power plants, thereby improving air quality and public health.

I urge the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to prioritize the adoption of DERs and VPPs as integral components of our state's energy strategy. By embracing these technologies, we can accelerate the transition to renewable energy, reduce costs for consumers, and ensure a more sustainable future for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



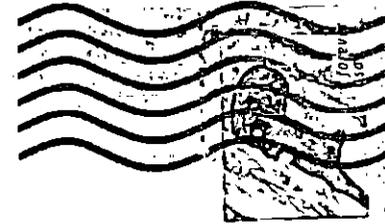
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