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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We, the undersigned members of the Southeast Delegation, write to express our opposition to the recent PECO filing for rate increases for electric and natural gas services. Balancing the need for infrastructure upgrades with providing affordable utility services is a primary concern. However, it has become clear that this rate increase is excessive.

Many of those who live and work in southeast counties are concerned about the significant financial hardships that the proposed rate increase would create. Granting PECO's requests for a 25.1% electric rate increase and 23.1% natural gas rate increase would create an undue burden on our communities, hurting households and businesses, alike.

Considering that this would be PECO's second electricity rate hike since 2022, such a change is not in the public's interest. Should PECO's electric rate increase be approved, residents using 700 kWh would incur additional costs of \$16.67 per month, resulting in monthly bills that would increase from \$135.85 to \$152.52 (12.3%) in 2025 with an additional monthly increase of \$2.70 in 2026. Furthermore, if PECO's natural gas rate increase is approved, residential customers using 80 Ccf per month would see a monthly increase \$16.15, taking the bill from \$97.98 to \$114.13 (16.5%) per month.

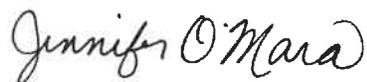
The overwhelming feedback from our constituents highlights the detrimental impact these proposed rate hikes would have on their financial stability and overall quality of life. Many families are already struggling to make ends meet, and this increase would only exacerbate their financial woes. Small businesses, the backbone of our local economy, would face heightened operational costs, potentially leading to reduced services, increased costs to consumers, or even closures. Larger industrial customers, who provide essential jobs and economic contributions, would also be adversely affected, potentially resulting in decreased investments in our region.

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In light of these significant concerns, we respectfully urge the Public Utility Commission to reject PECO's rate increase request. It is imperative that we find a more balanced solution that addresses infrastructure needs without placing an undue financial burden on our communities.

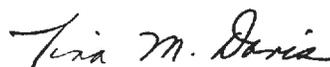
Thank you for your consideration,



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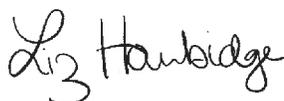
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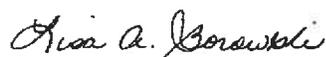
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