

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 13, 2026

To: Public Utility Commission PUC

From: Nick DeSalvo, East Pikeland Township Resident

Re: Public Comment RE: Docket Number M-2026-3059601,
Cromby Redevelopment

- **Ready for 100/ Clean Energy Transition Plan:** Restarting a power plant burning fossil fuels makes it impossible to meet the resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2019 to move to 100 percent renewable energy for electricity by 2035.
- **Focus on Renewable Energy:** Public Utilities Commissions (PUCs) across various states increasingly focus on renewable energy and energy storage to strengthen grid reliability, recognizing the approach involves balancing decarbonization mandates with system stability and rising demand.
- **Air quality:** Southeastern Pennsylvania is currently classified as Serious Nonattainment for ozone and could potentially be reclassified as Severe. This may make obtaining the required Emission Reduction Credits (ERCs) for a new major source of air pollution more difficult at the Cromby site.
- **Significant Residential Growth Since 2011:** Since Cromby Generating Station ceased operations in 2011, nearly 1,000 residential units have been developed within three miles of the site and will be negatively impacted.

Sensitive populations and community facilities nearby the Cromby site include:

- Regency at Kimberton Glen, an active-adult community, is approximately 0.5 miles from Cromby.
- Renaissance Academy Charter School, serving K–12 students with approximately 1,200 students, is also approximately 0.5 miles away.
- Reservoir Park is approximately 0.35 miles from the Cromby property.
- **Environmental and Recreational Resources:** The Schuylkill River Trail runs along the property, while Hidden River Park and Preserve, a 115-acre open-space property in East Pikeland Township, borders the Cromby site. This open space site is part of the PROST Plan for the township and the Plan details preserving this open space.
- **Traffic:** Residential growth has increased traffic on Filmore Avenue, Township Line Road, and Cromby Road, particularly around school arrival and dismissal times.
- **Nearby energy infrastructure:** The Limerick Nuclear Power Plant is approximately six miles from Cromby, making the broader area an established energy-infrastructure corridor.
- **Community Priority:** Redeveloping brownfield and former industrial sites can be beneficial, but redevelopment should be compatible with the area's growing residential community, existing infrastructure, environmental resources, and quality of life.