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Mr. Matthew L. Homsher,
Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Docket No. P-2026-3060298

Dear Secretary Homsher:

We are writing in support of the Petition for Reconsideration filed by the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA). The motion concerns the Commission's decision to remove settlement provisions that would have returned residential customers to default service at the expiration of retail supply contracts unless those customers affirmatively chose to remain with a supplier. It also seeks reconsideration of the Commission's decision to remove the requirement for periodic customer affirmation of variable-rate products.

As Chair and Secretary of the Pennsylvania House Energy Committee, we continue to believe these reforms represent reasonable and necessary consumer protections.

On October 21 we submitted a letter supporting these provisions because the record clearly demonstrated that many residential customers shopping for electric supply were paying more, facing greater financial risk, and experiencing higher rates of service termination than customers who remained on default service. Those concerns remain.

We are particularly concerned that the Commission's decision to delay implementation rests on a desire for additional study when the record already contains extensive evidence documenting the problem. As several Commissioners recognized during discussion of this matter, the overcharges experienced by retail supply customers are not speculative and are not a new phenomenon. The record before the Commission demonstrates that residential shopping customers have paid hundreds of millions of dollars more than default service customers in recent years while also experiencing substantially higher rates of uncollectible accounts and service termination.

The proposed reforms do not eliminate customer choice. Rather, they ensure that customers make an informed and affirmative decision before remaining on products that expose consumers to higher costs and increased financial risk. At a time when many Pennsylvanians are struggling with utility affordability and shutoffs are increasing, consumer protection measures should not be delayed in favor of further study when the underlying pattern of harm has already been established. We believe the Commission should instead act with urgency.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Commission to grant reconsideration and reinstate the consumer protection provisions originally recommended by the Administrative Law Judges.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on behalf of Pennsylvania consumers.

Respectfully,



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