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Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Net Metering – Use of Third Party Operators  
Docket No. M-2011-2249441

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The OCA appreciates the opportunity to provide Comments on the Tentative Order addressing the use of Third Party Operators for net metering. The OCA supports the Commission's proposed expansion of the term "operator" to include customer-generators with distributed alternative energy systems that contract with a third-party to perform the operational functions of that system. The proposed expansion of the "operator" definition could encourage the installation of alternative energy facilities at residences and small businesses. The OCA supports this measure as a step towards making alternative energy systems more accessible to broader array of customers.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennedy S. Johnson".

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