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SECRETARY'S BUREAU

RE: Docket L-2014-2404361

Proposed Net Metering Changes

Dear Commissioners:

My wife and I were relieved to see that the PUC has been working over the past several months to incorporate the continuation of on farm anaerobic digesters (AD) into its proposed net metering changes. If we can be assured of exemption for our digester from the 200% limits within the EAPS, we can proceed with our plans to expand our herd size on the neighboring farm we purchased based on our financial assumptions prior to the release last year of the Rules with a 110%.

We believe that with some additional clarification of the newly revised rules, we can be assured that the revenue generated from our digester will continue to allow us to farm. Without this revenue we would have not been able to obtain and maintain the aging dairy farms we operate and manage the excess waste they generate.

To have an environmentally friendly solution for manure management is not only protecting our environment for the future, but also benefits our local neighbors and crops now. Our neighbors no longer complain about odor and are actually pleased to have us next door. And our crops are improved because the digested fertilizer they receive allows them to utilize the nutrients better and significantly reduces any leaching into the environment.

Our anaerobic digester is a way for us to address our current manure management mandates and is sized to accommodate future herd expansion and effluent needs. All of our decisions about the growth of our herd and increasing our risks in recent years has been based on our ability to get a return on investment (our initial investment in just the digester itself was \$2.4million) and generate the income to maintain it. Revenue generated from excess energy was essential for our lenders to even approve our loan for construction, and for the purchase of an adjoining farm to expand our dairy.

We are greatly relieved to see that the PUC is seeking a way to prevent these systems from being lumped in with all the entities that are actually in the business of generating energy. As long as 75.13 (a) (3) (IV) is improved to ensure that no subjective confirmation responsibility is placed in the hands of DEP, but instead in the permitting and nutrient management requirements already in place for us and that all sections throughout the EAPS are consistent with the intent of 75.13 (a) (3) (IV), including definitions of customers, we believe that the PUC will have addressed a very important concern we have for the future on AD technology in PA.

We appreciate your efforts toward that end and would be happy to provide additional information about our own farm should you need it. Thank you for considering the impact your actions will have on the future of farms in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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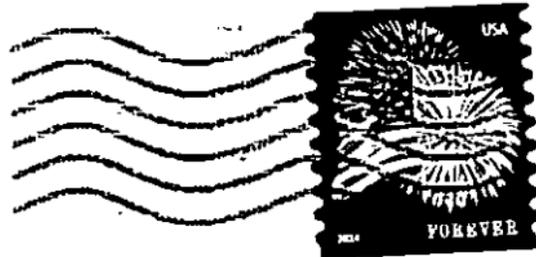
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