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Comments on the PUC's Regulation Governing the Consumer Advisory Council; Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (L-2018-3004948)

I am writing to comment on improving the effectiveness of the Consumer Advisory Council (CAC). As I see that the Public Information Office of the Commission is now defunct, I think it would help for the CAC to have its own website (perhaps also a Facebook page) to more expeditiously and quickly update their hopefully more frequent meetings, agendas, etc. to the public, possibly posting this also at post offices, public libraries, and township buildings. The CAC's stated "directive and charge (is to) provide advice to the Commission regarding matters of protecting consumer interests." An example of the CAC more clearly advising the PUC and protecting consumer issues would be in many consumers' clear desire for a no extra fee opt-out of the unpopular mandatory smart meter Act 129, and a clear choice of a safe, reliable, and private analog meter in place of the current smart meters (or opt-out meters which are also digital and are also not as safe or reliable as an analog meter). My understanding is that Pennsylvania may be the only state in the entire nation with this kind of unpopular and possibly unconstitutional law. The CAC could and should strongly advise the PUC of these facts so Pennsylvania can catch up to the rest of the country on this issue. Let's make this a true advisory body for consumers as it is sorely needed. Thank you. Hubert P. Beck

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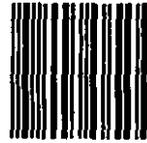
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