

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

The Commission's Regulation Governing :
The Consumer Advisory Council, :
52 PA. Code Ch. 91 :
Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking : Docket No. L-2018-3004948

**Comments of AARP Pennsylvania to the Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission**

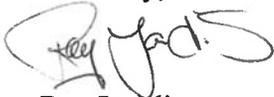
AARP Pennsylvania submits these comments in response to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) adopted by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) on October 25, 2018. In its ANOPR, the Commission seeks comments on whether changes should be made to the Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) regulations "in order to improve its efficiency as an advisory body and to clarify its duties and role."

AARP believes it is critical the Consumer Advisory Council remains a regulatory body and that the regulatory framework of 52 PA Code Chapter 91 be maintained. AARP believes this would ensure continuity of the Council over time notwithstanding changes of personnel or priorities at the Commission. AARP does not oppose making changes in how the Council operates, but believes that flexibility and amendments to the current enabling regulations would be preferable to repealing them in their entirety and re-establishing the body in what could be a different form.

The Consumer Advisory Council plays an important role at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, ensuring that consumer representatives have input and access to the deliberations of the PUC Commissioners. AARP Pennsylvania believes it is critical to all Pennsylvanians that the Council continues to perform this important function. AARP agrees the operational efficiency of the Council can be improved, but we urge the Commission to allow this to happen without altering the fundamental purpose and independence of the Council to provide input on issues that come before the Public Utility Commission.

AARP Pennsylvania thanks you for the opportunity to provide our views on this matter.

Sincerely,



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