

March 8, 2016

The Honorable Tom Wolf
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pending Nomination to the Public Utility Commission

Dear Governor Wolf,

On April 1, 2016, you will have the opportunity to nominate an individual to serve on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the next five years. Over this term, the Commission will be called upon to address increasingly complex issues related to climate change and other critical environmental challenges. **We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to consider a nominee with a strong background in clean renewable energy, energy efficiency, and environmental issues.**

Pennsylvania was an early leader in the generation of clean renewable energy, but we now find ourselves lagging behind neighboring states. If we are to reach our climate goals, we must reverse this trend. With the assistance of the PUC, this can be done while keeping electricity safe, reliable, and affordable for our fellow citizens.

Our energy efficiency and conservation program, Act 129 of 2008, has repeatedly shown that investment in efficiency will more than pay for itself. In spite of the success, our achievements are nowhere near their economic potential. Whether we seek to improve Act 129 or find new ways to encourage energy efficiency, the PUC will have a role to play.

While these are two examples, the mission of the PUC involves many more issues that could impact the environment. This includes railway safety issues, which are particularly important with the increased shipment of crude-by-rail. It includes a wide range of issues related to the regulation of natural gas utilities. It includes utility data access. And, it includes the PUC's investigation and consideration of options for alternative utility ratemaking.

We commend you and your administration for the leadership you have shown on climate change and other issues. But, as we are sure you know, much work remains to be done. We ask that you nominate an individual to the PUC that will continue this leadership.

Sincerely,

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