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## Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
Filing Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor West
400 North Street
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Application of Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC for approval to Supply Natural Gas Service to the Public in Northern Susquehanna County, in the Townships of Bridgewater, Forest Lake, Great Bend, Harmony, New Milford and Oakland, and in the Boroughs of Great Bend, Hallstead, Lanesboro, Montrose, New Milford, Oakland and Susquehanna; Docket No. A-2011-2275595; ADDITIONAL SUPPORT LETTER TO BE INCLUDED IN APPLICATION

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, is a letter from John Kameen, Chairman of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Advisory Board in support of the above-captioned Application that was filed by Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC on November 23, 2011.

The enclosed letter should be included in **Exhibit H** of the Application. A copy of the enclosed document has been served as indicated below and on the attached Certificate of Service.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Sniscak Todd S. Stewart Janet L. Miller

Counsel for Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC

JLM/das Enclosure

cc: Robert F. Powelson, Chairman
John F. Coleman, Jr., Vice Chairman
James H. Cawley, Commissioner
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John Kameen, Chairman Susquehanna County Economic Development Advisory Board Court House Box P.O. 218 Montrose, PA 18801

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam:

'i September 29, 2011

I am the current chairman for the Susquehanna County Economic Development Advisory Board, and I am writing to express our support for the Leatherstocking Gas Company LLC to obtain utility status within Susquehanna County.

I believe that the communities within the county this company is targeting stand to benefit tremendously from natural gas service. The availability of natural gas service for our residents and businesses will lower energy cost and reduce environmental emissions from fossil fuels. Additionally I believe the availability of gas service will provide an incentive for new business to move into the I-81 corridor and help retain existing businesses.

Most Pennsylvanians already have the benefit of natural gas service. The area could benefit from making locally produced natural gas available to local people. Currently the vast majority of the natural gas produced in Susquehanna County is transported via gathering lines directly into interstate pipelines and shipped throughout the nation. In order for the gas industry to benefit our local communities, it must be available for local uses to lower energy cost and environmental emissions for the greatest number of people.

The officers of Leatherstocking contacted me early last summer. They took the time to meet with me and several other officials and explained there vision. One of the parent companies for Leatherstocking, Corning Natural Gas Corporation has develop this model successfully in the southern tier of New York State and has delivered 1.5Bcf in 2011 from Marcellus Shale wells to its customers.

Leatherstocking officials approached me before the Governor reached out to natural gas utilities and producers in our State. They already have access to gas supply of the Laser pipeline in Susquehanna County. The only remaining obstacle to providing natural gas to the citizen of Susquehanna County is Public Utility Commission approval.

Lurge you to move forward on the decision to grant Leatherstocking Gas Company LLC request to become a natural gas utility in the State of Pennsylvania within Susquehanna County.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Karneen

Susquehanna County Economic Development Committee

## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of Leatherstocking Gas

Company, LLC to Supply Natural Gas

Service to the Public in Certain :

Docket No. A-2011-2275595

Townships and Boroughs in Northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of §1.54 (relating to service by a party).

## Service Via First Class Mail:

Office of Consumer Advocate 555 Walnut Street Forum Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-1921

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Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011