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December 27, 2011

Rosemary Chiavetta Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re:

Application Of Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC to Supply Natural Gas Service to the Public in Certain Townships and Boroughs in Northern Susquehanna

G. Nulles

County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2011-2275595

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc:

Office of Administrative Law Judge

Office of Special Assistants

Certificate of Service

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application Of Leatherstocking Gas

Company, LLC to Supply Natural Gas

Service to the Public in Certain Townships :

and Boroughs in Northern Susquehanna

County, Pennsylvania

Docket No. A-2011-2275595

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,

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DATED: December 27, 2011

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file an Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the Application of Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC (Leatherstocking or Company).

On November 23, 2011, Leatherstocking filed an Application with the PUC requesting approval to begin to offer, render, furnish, or supply natural gas service to customers in northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, 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. The Company's Application was filed pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1103 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code and the stated purpose is to provide local or Marcellus Shale gas to Pennsylvania customers.

The Consumer Advocate has determined to participate in this proceeding to ensure that any resolutions reached are just, reasonable and otherwise consistent with Pennsylvania law.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Application of Leatherstocking Gas Company, :

LLC to Supply Natural Gas Service to the

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Public in Certain Townships and Boroughs in

Northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 27th day of December 2011.

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