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June 22, 2012

Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
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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

**OPPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND
ENFORCEMENT TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER
POSTPONEMENT FOR FILING OF EXCEPTIONS AND REPLY
EXCEPTIONS**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("I&E") hereby respectfully presents its staunch opposition to the granting of a further extension of the current June 29, 2012, established date for the filing of Exceptions at the above captioned docket.

Said request for an extension was sought in a letter filed with the Commission Secretary on June 21, 2012, at the above (and another) captioned docket and signed by counsel for Applicant, Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC. We note that said letter included an attached document styled as a "Joint Stipulation in Settlement." As to the attached document, we would present notice that I&E will be subsequently opposing both its consideration and granting on procedural and substantive grounds before presiding Administrative Law Judge David A. Salapa ("ALJ Salapa").

I&E represents that further delay in the conduct of the instant proceeding is unwarranted and the matter of the filing of Exceptions to the Initial Decision issued by ALJ Salapa over three months ago on March 20, 2012, should be addressed on the current timetable established by prior Secretarial Letter.

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Prompt consideration and resolution of any filed Exceptions would move the proceeding forward and allow for the normal certificate of service application review process and potentially favorable consideration of the Leatherstocking Application to begin to provide as distribution service to certain territories within the Commonwealth that presently have no gas distribution utility properly certified to provide such service.

I&E respectfully submits that the public interest is served by allowing for such gas distribution service in a timely fashion in the event that ALJ Salapa and the Commission determine that Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC, is qualified to do so and is authorized to exclusively provide such service.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 783-6151.

Sincerely,



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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 am serving the foregoing **Opposition Letter** dated June 22, 2012, either personally, by first class mail, electronic mail, express mail and/or by fax upon the persons listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a party):

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