## PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Application of Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC for approval to supply Natural Gas Service to the Public in Susquehanna County Public Meeting held September 27, 2012 2275595-FUS Docket No. A-2011-2275595

## Statement of Commissioner Wayne E. Gardner

Today the Commission approves an Application filed by Leatherstocking Gas Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience to provide natural gas distribution services to the residents and commercial customers in northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. I am pleased to vote to approve the Application as Leatherstocking will provide the residents of Susquehanna County the opportunity to take advantage of this local resource. Additionally, the approval of this Application at today's Public Meeting provides an opportunity to notify Leatherstocking, and remind our existing small gas companies, of the Commission's Small Gas Task Force.

In January of 2009, the Commission directed the establishment of the Small Gas Task Force. The Task Force utilizes representatives from across the Commission to assist our small gas utilities to navigate the Commission's myriad compliance and reporting requirements. Services provided by the Small Gas Task Force include assisting small gas companies manage the administrative filing process and ensuring compliance with Commission gas safety and financial regulations. I strongly encourage Leatherstocking and all other small gas companies to utilize the expertise of the Commission's Small Gas Task Force.

September 27, 2012

Date

Wayne E. Gardner, Commissioner