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Debra Howland
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Dear Director Howland,

I wish to petition the Public Utilities Commission regarding the tariff as it applies to the cost of extending service on public roads. Before the current policy, there was an option for the cost of extending a line to be prorated on the user's bill. Also if subsequent to the line extension, another customer wanted to use that line they had to share in the cost. Now, the first user bears the entire cost as a lump sum and future users join for free. PSNH points out how the new policy without all that fairness is much easier to administer.

I believe both practices to be unfair. When I looked for suppliers of propane for my property, they were happy to provide me with a tank so they could sell me their product. If I didn't like the terms the first company proposed, all I had to do was call a different company. Not so with electricity. While it seems perfectly reasonable for the user to pay the cost between the road and a house or on a private road, if a company is going to have the monopoly on providing an essential utility in this area, it seems they should provide it equally to all customers on Class 5 or higher public roads. If the cost of infrastructure is to be borne by customers, it should be as a group. There is in my mind no justification for individuals to be bearing the cost of infrastructure for a service that not only will they pay for decades to come but also to effectively subsidize that cost for all future development on the road.

Cc: Amanda Noonan

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Snyder".

Jim Snyder

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