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Dear Comments,

I write to oppose the Commission 's proposal that effectively bans natural gas development in the Delaware River Basin region.

Our nation 's public policies---at all levels of government---must be based on evidence, science, and necessity. A vocal minority of activists should not be able to block nationally vital energy development because of their own false fears.

The evidence is clear that hydraulic fracturing is safe and effective. Using these techniques, the U.S. has become the largest producer of oil and natural gas in the world. New levels of American energy development helped our nation recover from recession. In addition, our energy security is much stronger than when we relied on overseas fuel suppliers.

Increased supplies of domestic natural gas have helped keep heating and electricity affordable. Low energy prices also spur business growth and job creation. The DRBC rule, however, would set a bad precedent for limiting U.S. energy development and could result in higher consumer and commercial energy costs nationwide if similar bans take effect.

Please also consider the fact that increased natural gas access in the U.S. has helped lower our nation 's carbon emissions. We lead all industrialized nations in carbon reduction---because of natural gas made available by hydraulic fracturing.

The DRBC 's proposed rule would take our nation in the wrong direction. Recognizing the strong safety record of energy development, the federal government has rightly begun to limit unnecessary regulations. The DBRC should follow this lead, not impose new, unneeded restrictions.

I request that the Commission withdraw its new draft rule and revise to support, not impede, American energy development. Thank you for including my views in your review of this issue.

Please remember, not all of us can afford even a minor increase in our power costs. I, for one, must keep the thermostat in my house set at 65 degrees - and my house has baseboard heaters so even that temp uses a lot of power. I also only use ONE heater except for a small extra heater I use in the bathroom when I shower. I am old, old, old so have learned how to live on next to nothing, but there is a limit to what I can do without! My last 3 "raises " for my social security went to increased Medicare premiums, so although my EXPENSES have increased in many areas, my INCOME has not! Higher power costs would cost me not only dollars, but warmth during the winter, enough light to see by for my very aging eyes (I 'm 85, a widow, live alone with NO HELP from neighbors or family). Neighbors don 't care - family lives in other states. There are things I MUST have - a phone, an emergency monitor around my neck, food for me and my dog - the ONLY one who would care more than 60 seconds if I got sick, fell, died, or whatever. I simply cannot afford more expenses! I am ALREADY running on empty! And since I imagine there are thousands, if not millions of people in my situation, neither can they!

LEAVE US THE CHEAPEST POWER POSSIBLE!!! PLEASE!

Sincerely,

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