

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
	:	
v.	:	R-2021-3023618
	:	
UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division	:	

**COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S  
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM**

**I. HISTORY**

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) intervened in this matter by Petition to Intervene filed on February 17, 2021. CEO is a not-for-profit corporation and is an advocate for its clients – the low-income population of Luzerne County. CEO has intervened in prior matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the purpose of addressing a company’s universal service programs and the effects of any requested rate increases on low-income customers. CEO intervened in this particular matter to examine the effects of the proposed rate increase and rate design on low-income customers and to address whether the Company’s universal service programs will be appropriately funded and available as a result of this request.

**II. ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED BY CEO**

1. Whether the Company’s universal service programs are appropriately funded and available and whether those programs will remain appropriately funded and available if the request for a rate increase is granted.

2. The effect of any proposed rate increase and/or rate consolidation on the residential customer class and particularly low-income, residential customers and their ability to conserve and lower their bills.

3. Such other additional issues as may arise during the discovery process.

**III. WITNESSES**

CEO will present the testimony of Eugene M. Brady, Executive Director of CEO, to address the issues above described.

**IV. PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

CEO has worked with the other parties and expects that an agreed upon schedule will be presented to the Administrative Law Judge at time of the conference.

**V. SETTLEMENT**

CEO will engage in settlement discussions as this matter proceeds.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certified that he served a copy of the foregoing Commission on Economic Opportunity's Pre-Hearing Memorandum upon the following participants by electronic mail on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021:

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