**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joint Application of Peoples Natural Gas : A-2013-2353647

Company LLC, Peoples TWP LLC, and : A-2013-2353649

Equitable Gas Company, LLC : A-2013-2353651

**FIRST INTERIM ORDER DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF**

**PUBLIC INPUT HEARING**

On March 19, 2013, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (“Peoples”), Peoples TWP LLC (“Peoples TWP”), and Equitable Gas Company, LLC (“Equitable”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Applicants”) filed a Joint Application for all of the Authority and the Necessary Certificates of Public Convenience: 1) to Transfer all of the Issued and Outstanding Limited Liability Company Membership Interest of Equitable Gas Company, LLC to PNG Companies, LLC; 2) to Merge Equitable Gas Company, LLC with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC; 3) to Transfer Certain Storage and Transmission Assets of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC to Affiliates of EQT Corporation; 4) to Transfer Certain Assets between Equitable Gas Company, LLC and Affiliates of EQT Corporation; 5) for Approval of Certain Ownership Changes Associated with the Transaction; 6) for approval of Certain Associated Gas Capacity and Supply Agreements, and 7) for approval of Certain Changes in the Tariff of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC.

In its Prehearing Memorandum, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) indicated that it had received four public input hearing requests. The OCA requested one telephonic public input hearing because of the size of the companies’ service territories.

A telephonic public input hearing shall be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The Applicants are directed to arrange for publication of advertisements in the same newspapers of general circulation where notice of the filing of the applications and protest period was filed (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *Tribune Review*), publishing once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the public input hearing. The second consecutive week of publication shall occur on June 25, 2013. Proofs of publication shall be filed with the Commission’s Secretary, copy to the presiding officer.

Individuals who wish to participate in the telephonic public input hearing must call toll free at 1-855-750-1027 and enter PIN Number 091262 at 1:00 p.m. on July 10, 2013.

The OCA will compile a list of names and addresses of ratepayers who wish to testify, and will inform those ratepayers of the call-in telephone number prior to the date of the hearing. The list shall be transmitted to the presiding officer on July 3, 2013.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Applicants shall cause to be published in the same newspapers used to advertise the filing of the case at these Dockets, once per week for two consecutive weeks, with the second week of publication occurring June 25, 2013, notice of the public input hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., by telephone.

2. That the Applicants shall file proofs of publication with the Commission’s Secretary, copy to the presiding officer, within two weeks of publication.

3. That the Office of Consumer Advocate will compile a list of names and addresses of ratepayers who wish to testify, and will inform those ratepayers of the call-in telephone number prior to the date of the hearing. The list shall be transmitted to the presiding officer on July 3, 2013.

Date: June 12, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mark A. Hoyer

Administrative Law Judge