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**Via Electronic Filing and First Class Mail**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
PA Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Philadelphia Gas Works Universal Service Plan for 2017-2020 Submitted in Compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 62.4, Docket No. M-2016-2542415

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept this Quarterly Status Update on behalf of Philadelphia Gas Works (“PGW”) regarding its ongoing Hardship Funds discussions with the Utility Emergency Services Fund (“UESF”) as required by Ordering Paragraph 7 of the Commission’s August 3, 2017 Order. As directed by the Commission, PGW has engaged in discussions with UESF regarding UESF's zero balance requirement for CRP customers, and one UESF grant every two-year requirement. Preliminarily, UESF appears receptive to considering possible changes to some of their policies. However, UESF has raised a number of reasonable concerns regarding, for example, the impact these changes would have on the UESF program and UESF’s core mission, as well as the utility consumers whom they serve for all three of the utilities in the City of Philadelphia. PGW expects that a number of meetings will need to take place in order to determine if these proposed changes are a viable option for UESF. It is PGW’s understanding that these issues would also need to be brought to UESF's Board of Directors for consideration and final approval. PGW notes that under its current Hardship Funds program, monies customers receive from UESF are grant monies obtained by UESF; thus PGW customers are not bearing the costs of the funding provided by UESF. To the extent that PGW is required to make changes that are not approved by UESF, PGW requests that the Commission allow for recovery of such payments, as well as the costs of administering the program (which is currently administered by UESF), through PGW’s Universal Service and Energy Conservation Surcharge.



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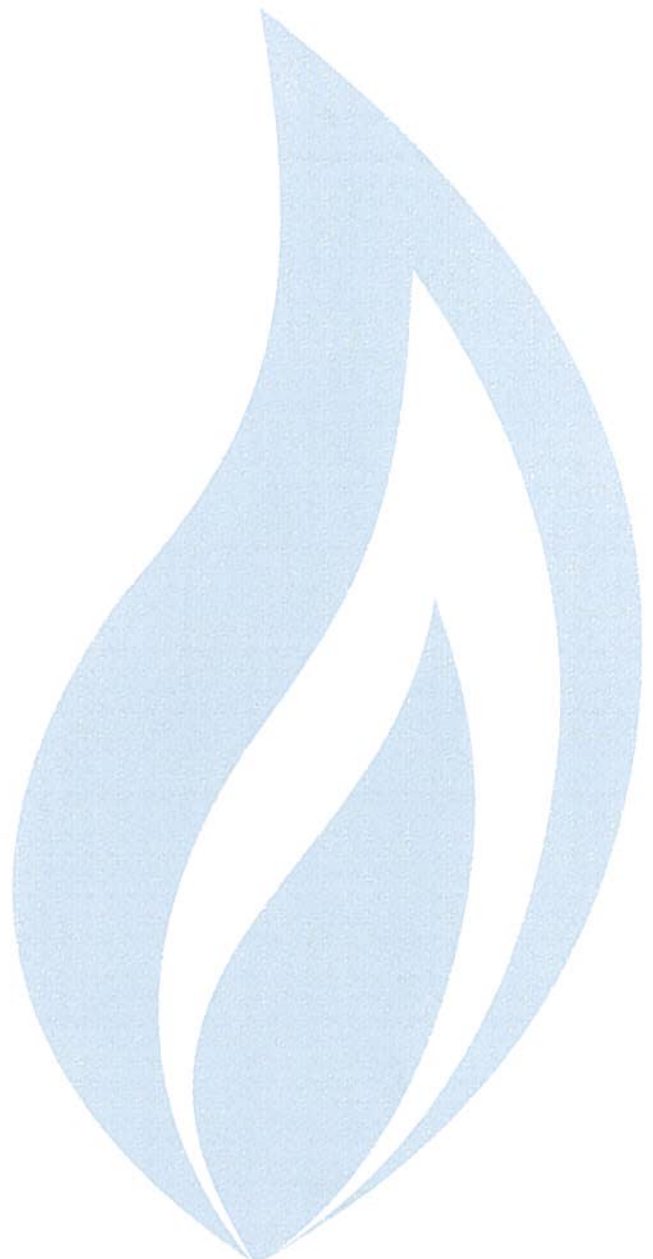
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Sincerely,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of PGW's Quarterly Report upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54.

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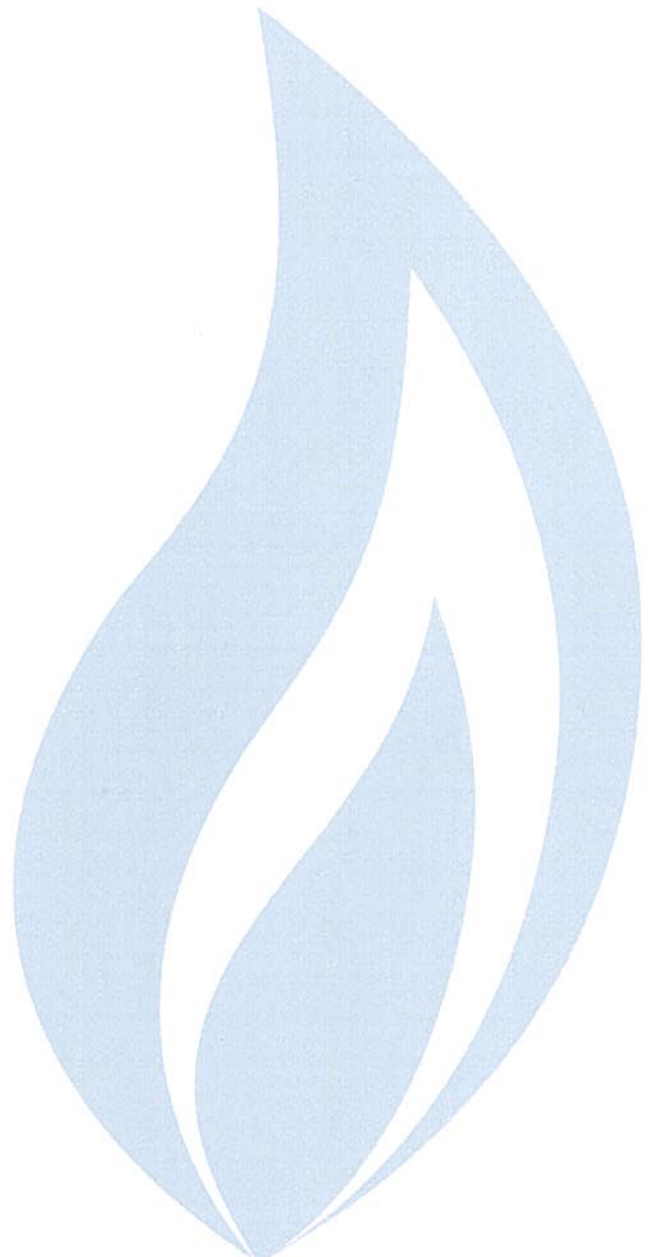
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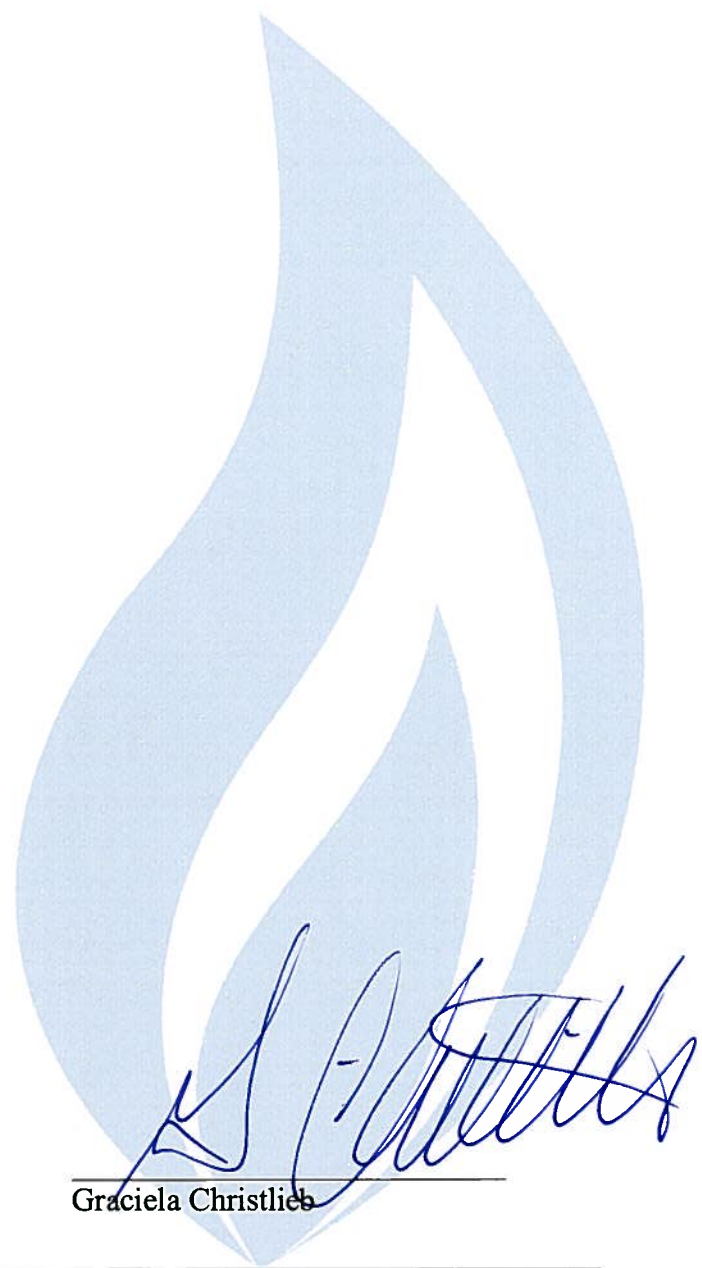
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