**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission : R-2017-2640058

 : C-2018-2646178

 v. : C-2018-2647268

 : C-2018-2647099

UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division : C-2018-3000056

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER**

On January 26, 2018, UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division (UGI Electric) filed Tariff Electric - PA P.U.C. Nos. 6 and 2S to become effective March 27, 2018. The subject tariffs would increase UGI Electric’s total annual operating revenues by approximately $9.254 million, or by 10.4%.

On February 5, 2018, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) filed a Notice of Appearance. On February 6, 2018, the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2017-2646178. On February 12, 2018, the Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Formal Complaint at Docket No. C-2017-2647268. Formal Complaints were also filed two UGI Electric customers at Docket Nos. C-2017-2647099 and C-2017-3000056.

By Order entered March 1, 2018, the Commission suspended the tariff filings until October 27, 2018, and ordered an investigation into the lawfulness, justness and reasonableness of the rates, rules and regulations contained therein. The Order directed that the matter be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

By Notice dated March 8, 2018, the Office of Administrative Law Judge scheduled a Call-In Telephone Prehearing Conference for Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judges Steven K. Haas and Andrew M. Calvelli.

In anticipation of the Prehearing Conference, and in accordance with Section 333 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 333, and Sections 5.221-5.224 of the Commission’s regulations, 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.221-5.224, this Prehearing Conference Order is being issued.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a Call-In Telephone Prehearing Conference shall be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judges Steven K. Haas and Andrew M. Calvelli. The parties must connect to the prehearing conference at the scheduled time by dialing 1-855-750-1027, then PIN 447570#.
2. That absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled prehearing conference. Failure of a party to participate in the conference, after being served with notice of the time thereof, without good case shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and any orders or rulings issued with respect thereto.That all parties shall review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, among other things, that “a party shall initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. All parties are urged to cooperate in discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§5.361, 5.371 – 5.372.
3. That, if you are a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, must represent you in this proceeding.
4. That, unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall enter their appearance in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code §1.24(b).
5. That you must serve us directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding. If you send us any correspondence or document, you must send a copy to all other parties. For your convenience, a copy of the Commission’s current service list of the parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order. Our address is:

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1. That the parties shall review the regulations pertaining to prehearing conferences, in particular 52 Pa. Code §5.222(d), which provides that parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. The preparation should include, among other things, advance study of all relevant materials, and advance informal communication between the participants, including requests for additional data and information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.
2. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §1.55, each party shall be limited to one entry on the service list. Parties shall provide the name, business address, business telephone number and business e-mail address (if any) of the person they wish to have listed on the service list.
3. That on or before 12:00 p.m. on March 20, 2018, the parties shall serve us and each other with a Prehearing Conference Memorandum addressing:

a) The information described in Paragraph 9, above.

b) A statement regarding possible settlement of the case, subject to approval of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

c) A proposed plan and schedule of discovery.

d) Other proposed orders with respect to discovery.

e) A proposed litigation schedule that concludes with a reply brief due date no later than July 18, 2018. The parties are directed to confer prior to the prehearing conference to attempt to develop a mutually-acceptable schedule.

f) Names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses the party expects to call and the subject matter of each witness’ testimony.

g) A list of the issues and sub-issues of this proceeding which the party intends to address and a statement of the party’s position on each of the issues and sub-issues listed.

h) The need for any public input hearings in the service territory.

Date: March 9, 2018

 Steven K. Haas

 Administrative Law Judge

 Andrew M. Calvelli

 Administrative Law Judge

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