**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission : R-2017-2640058

 : C-2017-2646178

 v. : C-2017-2647268

 : C-2017-2647099

UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division : C-2017-3000056

**SCHEDULING 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 as originally filed would increase UGI Electric’s total annual operating revenues by approximately $9.254 million. The total annual increase figure was subsequently revised in supplemental direct testimony submitted by the company to $8.491 million.

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.

A telephonic prehearing conference was held in this proceeding on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Present during the prehearing conference were counsel to UGI, I&E, OCA and OSBA. Also present was Barbara McDade, a customer who filed a formal complaint. The parties discussed and agreed upon several procedural matters in this case, including a litigation schedule, modifications to the Commission’s discovery regulations and the need for public input hearings. This order memorializes the procedural and scheduling matters addressed at the prehearing conference.

Finally, the parties are reminded that Commission policy promotes settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The parties are encouraged to commence settlement discussions as early as possible in this proceeding. Even if a full settlement is not attained, the parties are expected to resolve and stipulate to as many issues as possible during their discussions. This will lessen the burdens of time and expense of litigation on all parties and conserve administrative hearing resources.

 THERFORE,

 IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the following litigation schedule is adopted:

Other parties’ direct testimony: April 26, 2018

Rebuttal testimony: May 25, 2018

Surrebuttal testimony: June 7, 2018[[1]](#footnote-1)

Evidentiary hearings and oral rejoinder: June 8, 11-12, 2018[[2]](#footnote-2)

Main briefs: July 2, 2018

Reply briefs: July 18, 2018

1. That the modifications to the Commission’s discovery regulations proposed by UGI Electric on pages 8-9 of its March 20, 2018 Prehearing Conference Memorandum are adopted as the operable discovery deadlines in this proceeding.
2. That two “smart” public input hearings will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in Harrisburg, PA, the first beginning at 1:00 p.m. and the second beginning at 6:00 p.m. UGI Electric shall cause notice of the public input hearings to be published in service area newspapers twice prior to April 18, 2018, and file proofs of publication with the Commission.
3. That the parties shall stipulate to all matters or issues which they can reasonably stipulate to in order to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burdens of time and expense of litigation on all parties and conserve administrative hearing resources.

Date: March 30, 2018

 Steven K. Haas

 Administrative Law Judge

 Andrew M. Calvelli

 Administrative Law Judge

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1. Surrebuttal testimony of witnesses testifying about return of equity issues is due by noon on June 7, 2018. Surrebuttal testimony of all other witnesses is due by 4:30 p.m. on June 7th, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. June 8, 2018 for return on equity witnesses. June 11-12, 2018 for all other witnesses. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)