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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 <u>52</u> Pa. Code § 62.4, Docket No. M-2016-2542415 – April 1, 2018 Report

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept this April 1, 2018: (i) 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 ("Order"); and (ii) Annual Report detailing the number of customers served through CARES case management and quick-fix referral services as required by Ordering Paragraph 6 of the Order.

I. <u>Hardship Funds</u>: Since the time of the January Quarterly Status Update, PGW has continued to engage in discussions with UESF regarding UESF's zero balance requirement for CRP customers, and one UESF grant every two-year requirement. On May 17, 2018, UESF expects to present the zero balance requirement for CRP customers to its Board of Directors for a decision on whether to make this modification to its policies.

With respect to a modification to its policy regarding one UESF grant every two years, UESF has indicated that this policy is important to its mission because it allows the program to serve as many families as possible with the funding available. In addition, UESF finds that this requirement provides an element of housing stabilization as the UESF grant does not act as an annual income supplement, such as LIHEAP. However, UESF has stated it is still considering the possibility of making this change in the future.

PGW would continue to note that 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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II. <u>CARES</u>: The numbers below reflect CARES case management cases and CARES (non-LIHEAP) quick-fix referrals for calendar year 2017. Using a manual process and systematic tracking, PGW has been able to establish the total number of quick-fix referrals for all of 2017.

Calendar Year	Number of Cases
CARES Case	
Management	446
CARES Non-	
LIHEAP	
Quick-Fix	121

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Sincerely,

Graciela Christlieb

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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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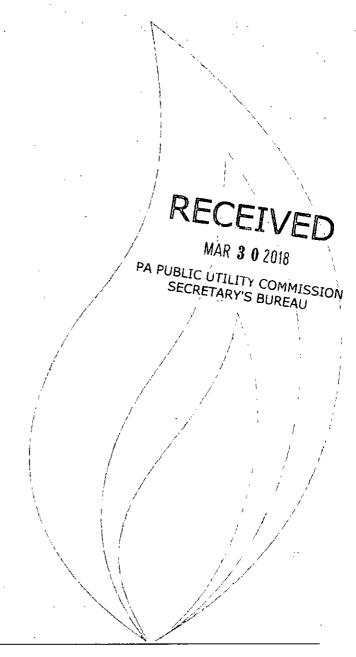
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