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Re: Philadelphia Gas Works Universal Service Plan for 2017-2020 Submitted in Compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 62.4, Docket No. M-2016-2542415 – October 1, 2018 Report

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept this October 1, 2018 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”).

- I. Hardship Funds: UESF’s Board of Directors previously approved removing the zero balance requirement for CRP customers, and this change will be implemented with UESF’s FY19 spending. Accordingly, future updates at this docket will not address this change.

With respect to a modification to its policy regarding allowing only one UESF grant every two years, there has not been a change from the prior report. As previously reported, 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; and 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. UESF has indicated 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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graciela Christlieb", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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