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VIA E-FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC
Docket No. R-2018-3006818

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of Equitrans, L.P., in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies have been served on all parties as indicated in the attached Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,


Tanya C. Leshko

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Enclosure

cc: Administrative Law Judge Joel H. Cheskis (Via E-mail and First-Class Mail)
Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
v.	:	Docket No. R-2018-3006818
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
OF EQUITRANS, L.P.**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOEL H. CHESKIS:

Equitrans, L.P. (“Equitrans”) hereby submits this Prehearing Conference Memorandum in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.222 of the regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) and the Prehearing Conference Order of the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) dated March 4, 2019.

I. Procedural History

On January 28, 2019, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples), Utility Code 122250, filed Retail Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 47 and Supplier Tariff gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. S-3 (rate filing) to become effective March 29, 2019, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$94.9 million (14.2%) in additional fully-projected future test year annual revenues.

On February 7, 2019, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate filed Formal Complaints.

On February 28, 2019, the Commission entered an Order suspending People’s rate filing by operation of law pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. §1308(d), until October 29, 2019, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date. An investigation was instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules and regulations

contained in the Peoples rate filing, to “include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC’s existing rates, rules and regulations.” (Order, at 3).

On March 4, 2019, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued by the Administrative Law Judge scheduling an Initial Prehearing Conference on March 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m and requesting a Prehearing Conference Memorandum by March 11, 2019.

On March 7, 2019, Equitrans filed a Petition to Intervene that has not yet been ruled upon.

II. Service List

Equitrans requests that all documents be served on:

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §1.54(b)(3), Equitrans consents to the electronic service of all documents at the e-mail address shown above.

III. Settlement

Equitrans is willing to engage in settlement discussions with the parties, with the objective of achieving a mutually acceptable resolution of this matter, subject to the Commission’s approval.

IV. Discovery

At this time, Equitrans proposes no modifications to the discovery rules that are set forth in the Commission’s regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.321-5.372.

V. Schedule

To facilitate the timely conduct and conclusion of this proceeding, Equitrans anticipates that it will have no objection to the schedule that will be proposed by Peoples and the public advocates.

VI. Witnesses

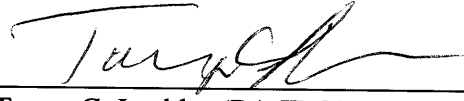
At this time, Equitrans has not identified the need for, or identity of, witnesses. However, Equitrans reserves the right to do so and to file testimony in the event issues or matters are raised that further implicate the interests Equitrans seeks to protect. Equitrans will notify the ALJ and the parties immediately if the determination is made that one or more witnesses are necessary.

VII. Issues

Equitrans has been reviewing the exhibits and testimony filed by Peoples. Equitrans seeks to ascertain whether and how the proposed rate increase will impact its ability to continue to receive safe, adequate and reasonable service from Peoples at reasonable rates in accordance with applicable Pennsylvania law. In addition, Equitrans seeks to assess whether and how the relief sought in the Filing will impact pipeline facilities between Equitrans and Peoples, and related issues. It is anticipated that other issues may arise and may be pursued in the course of the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 11, 2019



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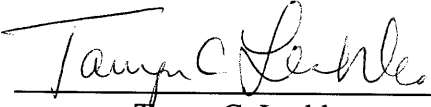
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