## PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Office of Consumer Advocate, Office of Small Business Advocate, Philadelphia Industrial & Commercial Gas Users Group, William Dingfelder Public meeting held June 13, 2019 2586783-OSA Docket Nos. R-2018-2586783, C-2017-2592092, C-2017-2593497, C-2018-2594157, C-2017-2593903

v. Philadelphia Gas Works

## MOTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID W. SWEET

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for consideration and disposition is a Joint Petition for Settlement filed by Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) to resolve the remaining litigated issues in PGW's base rate proceeding.

The terms of the Joint Petition for Settlement are simple: (1) PGW commits to making the modifications directed by this Commission in our May 18, 2018 Order no later than July 2, 2019; (2) PGW does not admit that its current partial payment allocation practices violate Commission regulations or provisions of the Public Utility Code; and (3) upon approval of the Settlement, PGW's pending Petition for Reconsideration shall be deemed to be withdrawn, and PGW agrees to forego any appellate remedies in connection with the May 18, 2018 Order.

The Commission granted PGW's Petition for Reconsideration pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition by Opinion and Order entered June 14, 2018. No further action was taken by the Commission, and on April 17, 2019, PGW and OCA filed their Joint Settlement which, upon approval, will effectively withdraw the Petition for Reconsideration. I move to approve the Joint Settlement, eliminating the need to address the Petition for Reconsideration.

I note that the outstanding issue is PGW's revamping of its billing system consistent with our direction to amend its partial payment allocation practices. The Joint Petition for Settlement accomplishes this. I note, too, that whether PGW *admits* that its current practices violate Commission regulations or provisions of the Public Utility Code is of no moment, as we have already determined that they do and need to be changed, and PGW has agreed to do so. Accordingly, this term is acceptable. The third term of the Settlement withdraws the Petition for Reconsideration, which is acceptable as well.

## THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT:

- 1. The Joint Petition for Settlement filed by Philadelphia Gas Works and the Office of Consumer Advocate be adopted.
- 2. The Office of Special Assistants prepare an Opinion and Order consistent with this Motion.

June 13, 2019 DATE

DAVID W. SWEET VICE CHAIRMAN