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Philadelphia Gas Works :

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1 Introduction 2 Q. Please state your name and business address. 3 A. My name is Scott J. Rubin. My business address is 333 Oak Lane, Bloomsburg, PA. 4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity? 5 A. I am an independent consultant and an attorney. My practice is limited to matters 6 affecting the public utility industry. 7 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case? 8 A. I have been asked by the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") to provide an overview 9 of this case from a public policy perspective, particularly in light of the COVID-19 10 pandemic affecting the world at this time. I also will introduce the OCA's other witnesses 11 who will address various aspects of the rate request filed by Philadelphia Gas Works 12 ("PGW"). 13 Q. What are your qualifications to provide this testimony in this case? 14 A. I have testified on more than 200 occasions as an expert witness before utility 15 commissions or courts in the District of Columbia, the province of Nova Scotia, and the 16 states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, 17 Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New 18 York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Washington, and West 19 Virginia. I also have testified as an expert witness before two committees of the U.S. 20 House of Representatives and various state and local legislative committees. I also have 21 served as a consultant to the staffs of four utility commissions, several national utility

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United States. Prior to establishing my own consulting and law practice, I was employed by the OCA from 1983 through January 1994 in increasingly responsible positions. From 1990 until I left the OCA, I was one of two senior attorneys in that office. Among my other responsibilities in that position, I had a major role in setting the office's policy positions on water and electric matters. In addition, I was responsible for supervising the technical staff of the office. I also testified as an expert witness for the OCA on rate design, cost of service issues, and policy matters.

Throughout my career, I developed substantial expertise in matters relating to the economic regulation of public utilities. I have published articles, contributed to books, written speeches, and delivered numerous presentations relating to regulatory issues. I have attended numerous continuing education courses involving the utility industry. I also have participated as a faculty member in utility-related educational programs for the Institute for Public Utilities at Michigan State University, the American Water Works Association, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. My complete curriculum vitae is provided as Appendix A.

Do you have any experience that is particularly relevant to the issues in this case?

Yes, I do. Over the years, I have testified concerning numerous types of regulatory policy issues before utility commissions and legislative committees. Obviously, before this year, I did not have experience recommending an appropriate regulatory response during a global pandemic, but I believe my more than 35 years of experience in utility regulation can provide some useful insights and recommendations. Recently, I submitted

testimony on the same topic in two rate proceedings. One of those involved a government-owned utility, the Halifax Regional Water Commission, whose rates are regulated by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. The other case is UGI Utilities' base rate case for its gas division that is currently pending before this Commission.

5 Q. Do you have any other preliminary matters to address?

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Yes, there are two matters I would like to discuss about the focus of my testimony and some of the terminology used. First, my testimony deals with regulatory policy issues. Given the nature of public utility regulation, much of the public policy in this field is contained in decisions by regulatory agencies and courts; or in statutes, ordinances, or regulations. I may be citing or referring to these types of sources. This should not be taken as a legal opinion (though I am qualified to provide expert testimony as a regulatory attorney in Pennsylvania), but rather as sources supporting my expert opinion concerning appropriate public policy and regulatory practice.

Second, in portions of my testimony I refer to PGW's investors. I recognize that PGW is owned by the City of Philadelphia ("City") and that it does not have common stock or the same types of investors as an investor-owned utility. Nevertheless, PGW does have investors. The City ultimately owns (and has invested in) the assets of PGW, and the City receives an annual dividend of \$18 million from PGW. Further, PGW has more than \$900 million outstanding in revenue bonds. Those bondholders also are investors in the utility.

¹ Minimum Filing Requirements, II.A.6.

1 **Summary** 2 Q. Please summarize your conclusions and recommendations. 3 A. I summarize my conclusions and recommendations as follows: 4 As a consequence of the pandemic devastating the health and economy of 5 the Commonwealth and the world, the Commission cannot rely on many 6 of the assumptions made in PGW's filing. It also would not be just or reasonable to impose a rate increase on customers at this time. 7 8 I recommend that the Commission deny any rate increase to PGW in this 9 case, unless it finds that an increase is needed for PGW to comply with its 10 bond indentures. 11 **Purpose of this Case** 12 Q. What is your understanding of the purpose of this proceeding? 13 A. As I understand it, the purpose of this matter is to determine the "just and reasonable" 14 rates for PGW under Chapter 13, and other provisions, of the Public Utility Code. 15 Q. In your more than 35 years of experience with utility rate-setting, are there standards or 16 criteria used to determine whether a rate is "just and reasonable"? 17 Yes. There are thousands of administrative and judicial decisions throughout the United A. States that interpret the phrase "just and reasonable" as it relates to utility rates. Without 18 19 going into all of the nuances and jurisdictional differences that arise from those decisions, 20 and without providing a legal opinion, I will provide my general understanding of how 21 that phrase is used in the field of public utility ratemaking. 22 In general, we regulate the rates (and other terms of service) of public utilities 23 because they are natural monopolies, meaning that it would be economically inefficient 24 (more expensive) to have competing enterprises provide the service. It is often stated that

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regulation is a substitute for competitive market forces. At its core, regulation is designed to protect utility consumers from what otherwise would be the unfettered power of a monopoly to set prices and the conditions of service. In protecting consumers, however, regulators cannot confiscate the property of the utility's investors. That is, regulators cannot tilt the scale so far in favor of consumers (for example by providing free service) that the utility's investors are deprived of an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on their investment.

Importantly, though, regulation is not designed to insulate the utility or its investors from normal market forces, technological improvements, or general economic conditions. If market forces (such as technological change) result in significant reductions in the demand for service, then the utility may not be able to recover its costs. That is not a failure of regulation, but a natural evolution of the market -- businesses fail if they cannot keep up with changes in consumers' preferences or respond to technological innovations.

Similarly, if economic conditions change such that rates become unaffordable to many customers, rates may need to be reduced in order to remain "just and reasonable" from the perspective of customers.

Is there a general framework in which to evaluate whether a rate is just and reasonable? Yes, regulators, analysts, and courts often speak of a "zone of reasonableness." In setting rates, regulators should attempt to balance the interests of all relevant sectors of the public. This includes the utility's investors, the utility's officers and employees, the customers (recognizing that different customer classes also have different interests), and

local governments whose residents are served by the utility. Ideally, rates should be set within a "zone of reasonableness" which represents a range within which all of the relevant interests intersect. To help explain the concept, I have provided Figure 1 which illustrates this zone of reasonableness as a simplified diagram, showing only consumers as a whole and investors.

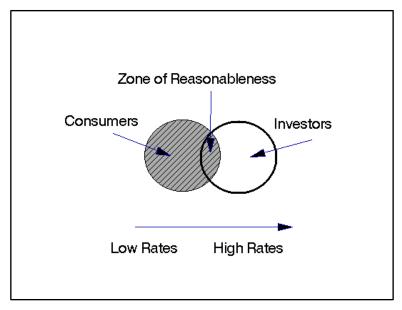


Figure 1. Traditional Zone of Reasonableness

In this example, which illustrates the situation in which rate regulators usually find themselves, there is an overlap between the interests of consumers and investors. That is, there is a range of rates that consumers are willing and able to pay (ranging from zero at the low end to a rate which is so high that they can no longer afford utility service) and a range of rates which will provide investors with what they consider to be a reasonable return on their investment (presumably ranging from something more than the risk-free rate of return up to a return well above that which the market provides to similar-risk investments). In this illustration, these two ranges overlap. This provides the

regulator with a range within which it can set rates that still meet the needs of both consumers and investors. The size and relative position of the range may change, but we are used to having at least a partial convergence of these ranges.

It is possible, however, that the interests of investors and consumers might diverge. This divergence is illustrated in Figure 2.

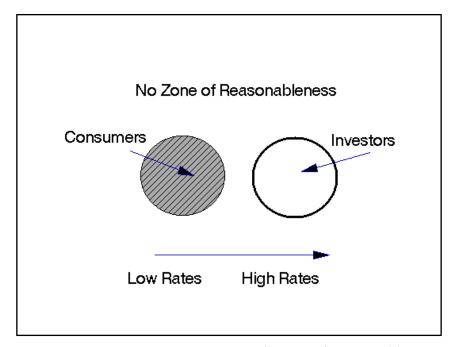


Figure 2. Divergent Interests: A Null Zone of Reasonableness

For example, if a utility is providing poor service (or a service which is becoming obsolete), the highest price which consumers are willing to pay may be very small, thereby falling below the low end of the investors' range. Similarly, if interest rates or the levels of investment become very high, investors' minimum return requirements may become so high as to fall above the range of rates which consumers can afford to pay.

When this happens, the rate regulators may have to set rates which fall outside of the

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normal zone of reasonableness, but which still attempt to fairly balance the interests of all parties to the extent possible.

It also must be remembered that while these concepts can be easily illustrated using circles on a diagram, the real world is not so simple. There is no bright line delineating any of these interests. The regulator is forced to discern the relative interests of the parties from the arguments and evidence which are placed on the record.

- Q. Are you saying that the Commission should not set rates outside the zone ofreasonableness?
- 9 A. No, I am not saying that. In fact, in certain instances it may be impossible for the
 10 Commission to simultaneously satisfy all aspects of the public interest. As I view the
 11 role of rate regulators, they must act within the broad public interest. Sometimes, that
 12 may mean setting rates which fail to meet the needs of a certain segment of the public. I
 13 believe, however, that whenever it sets rates, the Commission must attempt to determine
 14 whose needs are being met and whose are not.
- 15 Q. Isn't that usually done in the traditional ratemaking process?
- 16 A. Unfortunately, it is not usually done. In most cases, the investors' interest becomes a

 17 central focus of the case, by attempting to determine the return on capital which investors

 18 require in order to continue to invest money in the utility. This is usually examined in

 19 great detail, with each side spending thousands of dollars on attorneys and expert

 20 witnesses skilled in the presentation of this subject. Very rarely, though, do regulators or

 21 parties place as much emphasis on attempting to define the consumers' interest.

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- 2 Q. You have testified on numerous occasions before this Commission. Do you always go 3 into such detail about "just and reasonable" rates or the "zone of reasonableness"? 4 A. No. As best as I can recall, prior to this year, the only time I raised these issues in such 5 detail before this Commission was in 1993 in a rate case involving Colony Water 6 Company, Docket No. R-00922375. As I remember it, that utility was proposing extremely high rates that would be unaffordable for many of its customers. I 7 8 recommended a ratemaking approach that would have set rates based on the rates charged 9 by that small utility's water supplier, even though the rates would be below the traditional
- 11 Q. Why are you raising these concerns in this case?

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Through no fault of its own, PGW ended up filing its application just weeks before its service area -- indeed the entire world -- was devastated with the worst pandemic in a century. Understandably, PGW prepared this case assuming "business as usual," but life and business in its service territory is now anything but normal.

In particular, I am very concerned about the impact that significant rate increases would have on PGW's customers at this time. To be blunt, this is not the time to impose higher costs on either people or businesses. If regulation is supposed to be a substitute for market forces, then we must recognize that except for those commodities experiencing significant imbalances of supply and demand due to the pandemic, competitive businesses cannot sustainably raise prices when their customers' incomes have decreased significantly. We're seeing supply gluts of necessities such as gasoline,

- certain types of food (because restaurants are either closed or operating very limited takeout service), skyrocketing unemployment, and a significant reduction in hours for many
 people who are still employed. Simply stated, what may have been a "just and
 reasonable" rate three months ago may be unreasonable today.
- Q. Can you be more specific about the impacts of the pandemic on Pennsylvania and PGW'sservice territory?
- Yes, I can be more specific to some extent. Data on new statewide unemployment claims are released each week, but county-level data are released only monthly. Figure 3 shows the devastating effect the pandemic has had on unemployment in the Commonwealth.

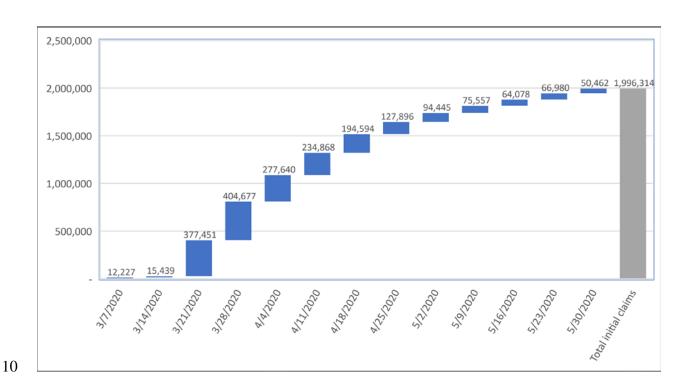


Figure 3. Initial Unemployment Claims in Pennsylvania: Weeks Ending March 7 to May 30, 2020

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Figure 3 shows the effect of the pandemic on employment. The huge spike in unemployment claims during the weeks ending March 21 and March 28 coincides with the entry of the Governor's order of March 19 closing all dine-in restaurants on that date and all non-life-sustaining businesses on March 21. To put these figures in perspective, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania had a workforce of approximately 6,576,000 people in 2018.² In the past three months, almost 2 million Pennsylvanians have filed initial unemployment claims -- more than 30% of Pennsylvania's workforce.

Can you estimate the pandemic's effect on employment in Philadelphia?

Yes. The most recent county-level unemployment reports for Pennsylvania were released on June 2, 2020, with data as of mid-April.³ The report shows that Philadelphia's unemployment rate in mid-April was 17.2%. As shown in Figure 4, this is nearly a

tripling of the City's unemployment rate prior to the pandemic.

² U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey, Table S2301: Employment Status.

³ https://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov/MediaCenter/MonthlyNews/Pages/default.aspx

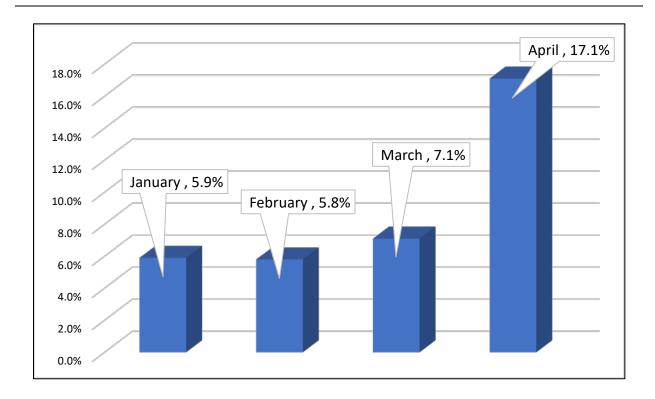


Figure 4. Unemployment Rate in Philadelphia, January to April 2020

3 Q. Generally, what effect has the pandemic had on families' finances?

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The Federal Reserve System is attempting to measure the effects of the pandemic on household finances. On May 14, 2020, the Federal Reserve System released its annual report on the economic well-being of households.⁴ Most of the report is based on surveys conducted during 2019, but a supplemental survey was conducted in the first week of April 2020 to assess the impacts of the pandemic on household finances. I am attaching as Schedule SJR-1, the cover page and the portion of the report dealing with the April 2020 supplemental survey (pages 53-56 of the report).

⁴ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2019, Featuring Supplemental Data from April 2020 (May 2020), https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/2019-report-economic-well-being-us-households-202005.pdf.

The survey found that "20 percent of people who had been working in February reported that they lost a job or were furloughed in March or the beginning of April 2020." Among lower-income households, however, the impact was even more severe. The report states: "Thirty-nine percent of people working in February with a household income below \$40,000 reported a job loss in March." Further, approximately 9 percent of people who were still working had their hours reduced or were required to take unpaid leave. ⁷

Overall, "23 percent of adults said their income in March was lower than in February." Of those who lost their job or had their hours reduced, only 64% said they would be able to pay all of their bills in full during April. That is, more than one-third of the families that suffered a loss in income during March will not be able to pay all of their bills the following month.

Data for Pennsylvania show an even more serious result. The U.S. Census Bureau has been conducting weekly surveys of households since April 23. In the first week, 46.9% of Pennsylvania households reported a loss of at least some employment income since March 13. By the fourth week of the survey (late May), that had risen to 53.9% of households, as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5 also shows the comparable figures for the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area. Employment income was lost more quickly in the region,

⁵ Schedule SJR-1, p. 2.

⁶ Id.

 $^{^{7}}$ <u>Id.</u> The report states that 6% of all adults had their hours reduced. Given the number of all adults in the workforce, this would equate to approximately 9% of working adults.

⁸ <u>Id.</u>, p. 3.

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with 50.2% of households reporting an income loss in the first week of the survey. By late May, however, the percentage of the region's households reporting a loss was almost identical to the statewide total (53.8% in the region compared to 53.9% in all of Pennsylvania). ¹⁰

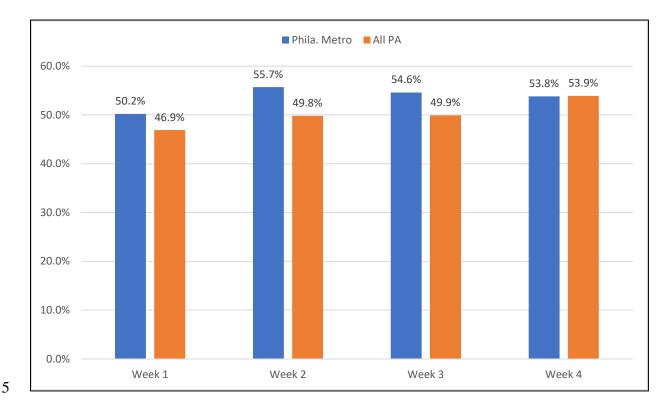


Figure 5. Percentage of Households Experiencing Loss in Employment Income Since March 13 (week 1 begins April 23)

Q. Are you aware of any attempts to evaluate the effects of the pandemic on the business community in the Philadelphia region?

A. Yes. The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia has been conducting surveys of businesses throughout its region. Its region includes central and eastern Pennsylvania,

¹⁰ U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/table.

1 which includes Philadelphia of course, as well as Delaware, and part of New Jersey. The 2 most recent survey, as I am preparing this testimony, covers the week ending May 31, 3 2020, which I am attaching as Schedule SJR-2. The Bank also conducts separate surveys 4 of manufacturing and non-manufacturing businesses. I am attaching the most recent 5 versions of those surveys as Schedules SJR-3 and SJR-4, respectively. 6 Q. Do the Federal Reserve Bank's surveys support your conclusions about the effects of the 7 pandemic on Pennsylvania? 8 A. Yes. For example, the survey in Schedule SJR-2 shows that at least 90% of 9 manufacturers have experienced at least a 5% decline in orders, with the majority 10 experiencing at least a 15% decline. Many businesses reported laying off employees 11 (either permanently or temporarily), ceasing new hiring, and reducing employees' work 12 hours. 13 The survey of manufacturers hit an all-time low in April. While manufacturing 14 activity recovered somewhat in May, almost one-third of manufacturers in the region expect their business to be worse or about the same six months from now. 11 15 16 The survey of non-manufacturers is even more pessimistic. Again, while there 17 has been some recovery from the all-time lows in April, more than half of survey 18 respondents expect either a worsening of business conditions or no change six months 19 from now. 12

¹¹ Schedule SJR-3, p. 2 ("What is your evaluation of the level of general business activity, six months from now vs. May": 19.0% no change, 12.8% decrease).

¹² Schedule SJR-4, p. 2 ("What is your assessment of general business activity for the region, six months from now vs. May": 9.2% no change, 48.7% decrease).

- Q. Are there any other indicators of the condition of Pennsylvania's economic outlook as a
 result of the pandemic?
- 3 A. Yes. A recently initiated small-business survey by the U.S. Census Bureau provides
 4 further insights into the condition of small businesses in Pennsylvania. The Census
 5 Bureau estimates that, as of the week ending May 2, 31.6% of small businesses in
 6 Pennsylvania said they would not return to normal operations for more than six months
 7 and 6.6% of the Commonwealth's small businesses expected to never return to their pre8 pandemic level of operations. By the end of May, the small-business outlook was even
 9 worse with more than 50% of businesses selecting these two categories. I show the trend

over the past five weeks graphically in Figure 6.

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 $^{13}\ U.S.\ Census\ Bureau,\ Small\ Business\ Pulse\ Survey,\ https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/small-business-pulse-survey.html.$

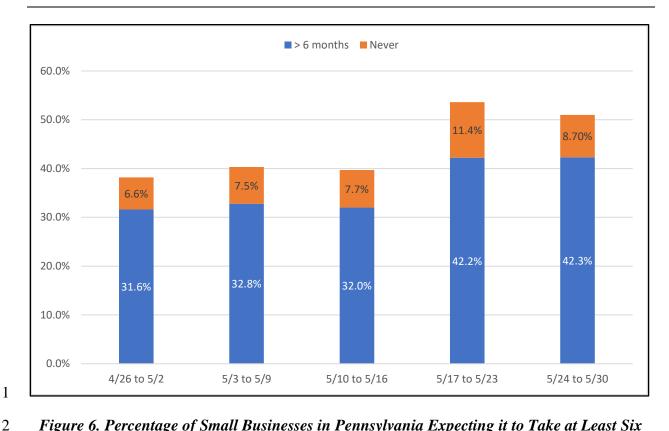


Figure 6. Percentage of Small Businesses in Pennsylvania Expecting it to Take at Least Six Months to Return to Usual Level of Operations (April 26 to May 30, 2020)

Q. Has there been an overall assessment of the pandemic's effects on Pennsylvania's economy?

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Yes. Each month, the Federal Reserve Bank calculates a "coincident index" for each state and the country as a whole. The index is described as follows: "The coincident indexes combine four state-level indicators to summarize current economic conditions in a single statistic. The four state-level variables in each coincident index are nonfarm payroll employment, average hours worked in manufacturing by production workers, the unemployment rate, and wage and salary disbursements plus proprietors' income deflated

2 economic activity in 2007 is equal to 100. 3 Between January and April, Pennsylvania's coincident index plunged from 122.54 to 89.49, a decline of 27%. ¹⁵ Indeed, Pennsylvania's current level of economic 4 5 activity is the lowest it has been in 20 years. 6 Q. Are people concerned about being able to afford their utility bills during this time? 7 Yes. A recent survey conducted by the Electric Power Research Institute ("EPRI") found A. 8 that about two-thirds of people who lost their jobs during the pandemic are concerned about being able to pay their energy bills. ¹⁶ Moreover, more than 20% of survey 9 respondents reported that their energy bills were higher because of the pandemic. 17 10 11 Interestingly, the survey also found that more than 25% of people who lost their jobs are planning to skip at least one utility bill payment, ¹⁸ but a much lower percentage were 12

by the consumer price index (U.S. city average)."14 The index is set so that the level of

14 Q. How does this affect the decisions the Commission must make in this case?

planning to contact their utilities for assistance. 19

15 A. Faced with this unprecedented public health and economic crisis, I respectfully submit 16 that the Commission cannot treat this case as "business as usual." Almost no other

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¹⁴ https://www.philadelphiafed.org/research-and-data/regional-economy/indexes/coincident

¹⁵ Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, State Coincident Indexes as of April 2020 (released May 27, 2020), https://www.philadelphiafed.org/-/media/research-and-data/regional-economy/indexes/coincident/2020/coincidentindexes0420.pdf?la=en

¹⁶ Omar Siddiqui and Min Long, Impact of COVID-19 on Consumer Energy Use & Outlook: Results of EPRI National Survey (April 29, 2020), http://mydocs.epri.com/Docs/public/covid19/COVID-19_survey_report.pdf, a copy of which is attached as Schedule SJR-5. The referenced question is on page 4 of Schedule SJR-5.

¹⁷ Schedule SJR-5, p. 3.

¹⁸ Schedule SJR-5, p. 7.

¹⁹ Schedule SJR-5, p. 12 (15% of those who lost their jobs said they planned to contact the utility about alternate rate plans or other ways to lower their bills).

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business in PGW's service area is conducting business as usual; residential consumers are using PGW's services differently than they do during normal circumstances (few if any people are usually at home 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, preparing every meal at home, fully heating the home all day during March and April, and so on).

Respectfully, the Commission cannot focus on PGW's historic costs, or on cost projections prepared before the pandemic, and assume that the resulting rates will be "just and reasonable." The Commission must focus on what rates are reasonable for consumers to pay under these extraordinary conditions.

How are other utilities and regulators addressing these unprecedented circumstances?

I have not conducted exhaustive research to try to identify every regulatory and utility response to ratesetting during the pandemic. I can, however, provide a few examples.

Hydro One, a large electric utility in Ontario, Canada, temporarily modified its rate structure to eliminate peak-period pricing, recognizing that people are at home 24-hours per day and cannot avoid peak-period usage. The utility estimates this will reduce a typical customer's bills by more than 14%.²⁰

In the case I mentioned earlier where I submitted similar testimony, the Halifax (Nova Scotia) Regional Water Commission filed rebuttal testimony that withdrew its request to increase water rates. It also delayed and significantly reduced its proposed increase in wastewater rates.

Utilities throughout the United States also are deferring rate increases or implementing rate reductions during this period. These actions provide some relief to

²⁰ https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/rate-relief.

1	customers who are facing a horrible confluence of events: an increase in home utility bills
2	(as they are home essentially 24 hours per day, 7 days per week) coupled with declines in
3	income. A few examples are summarized as follows:
4	 Dominion Energy in South Carolina is pushing back the effective date for
5	its rate increase to March 1, 2021, instead of January 1, 2021. ²¹
6	 Minnesota Power significantly reduced its requested rate increase and is
7	refunding more than \$12 million to customers to help alleviate pandemic-
8	related financial concerns. ²²
9	 California Water Service Co. is eliminating all scheduled rate increases
10	during 2020. ²³
11	 Chelan County (Washington) Public Utility District is postponing
12	previously approved increases in electric, water, and wastewater rates by
13	six months to provide customers some relief during the pandemic. ²⁴
14 15 16 17	• The City of Austin (Texas) reduced its electricity rates by about 4%, eliminated the residential price increment for usage in excess of 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, and reduced rates for residential water and wastewater consumption by 10%. ²⁵
18	 PEPCO, the electric utility serving the District of Columbia and
19	surrounding areas, announced on June 1 st that it would forego a \$25
20	million rate increase scheduled for this year in D.C., make a shareholder
21	donation to its low-income assistance fund, and take other actions to assist
22	customers during the pandemic. ²⁶

²¹ Dominion Energy wants rate increase pushed back, trying to help customers during pandemic, NBC - 2 WCBD (Charleston, South Carolina), April 2, 2020; see letter filed by Dominion with the South Carolina Public Service Commission at https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/eb126cd9-6804-47de-8b7d-775984d8a4e5.

²² Minnesota Power Proposes Plan to Resolve Rate Request in Response to Economic Challenges of COVID-19; Customers will receive refund on bills and lower rates under proposal to state regulators, Business Wire, April 23, 2020.

²³ Utility; Cal Water requests a delay in rate changes, Oroville Mercury Register (California), April 30, 2020.

²⁴ Chelan PUD delays rate increase by 6 months, S&P Global Market Intelligence, https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/news-insights/latest-news-headlines/chelan-pud-delays-rate-increase-by-6-months-58041707.

²⁵ https://austinenergy.com/ae/rates/residential-rates/residential-electric-rates-and-line-items.

²⁶ PEPCO press release, PEPCO Proposes to Freeze DC Customer Energy Delivery Rates Until 2022, https://www.pepco.com/News/Pages/PepcoProposestoFreezeDCCustomerEnergyDeliveryRatesUntil2022andAssist CustomerswithPandemicEconomicRecovery.aspx.

- A report by Moody's Investors Service expects similar delays in numerous electric, gas, and water utility rate proceedings throughout the U.S. as a way of providing some relief to consumers during the pandemic.²⁷
- 4 Q. What do you recommend?

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5 I recommend that the Commission deny PGW's request to increase rates in this case, A. 6 unless it finds that an increase is required for PGW to meet its 1.5 times interest coverage requirement. Now is not the time to impose additional, unavoidable costs on consumers. 7 8 Residential customers are experiencing unprecedented levels of unemployment and other 9 economic dislocation (such as reduced hours of work), while many are battling the 10 COVID-19 infection. Businesses of all sizes, as well as local governments, schools, 11 universities, and nonprofit organizations are struggling to remain viable. I expect many 12 will not be able to survive or, if they do, it might take them months or years to return to 13 pre-pandemic levels of operations.

To put all of this in terms of utility ratemaking: it would be neither just nor reasonable for PGW to increase its rates at this time. The Commission should deny PGW's request in its entirety and keep the PGW's existing rates (and all other tariff provisions) in effect.

- Q. Other than the information you provided above, is there any other information that lends support to your recommendation?
- 20 A. Yes. PGW's filing is based on data for the utility under normal conditions. In 2019, 21 under its existing rates, PGW had net income before interest expense of \$153.5 million.²⁸

²⁷ Moody's Investors Service, Coronavirus outbreak delays rate cases, but regulatory support remains intact, April 6, 2020, https://www.eenews.net/assets/2020/04/09/document_ew_04.pdf.

²⁸ Minimum Filing Requirements, § 53.52(b)(2).

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After paying its interest expense and distributing \$18 million to the City, PGW had net income of \$95.9 million.²⁹ On February 13, 2020, just two weeks before PGW filed this case, Moody's Investors Service announced the results of its periodic review of PGW's bond ratings, a copy of which is attached as Schedule SJR-6. The review concluded: "Current rates are sufficient to not only adequately cover annual debt service but also provide excess cash flow to continue to increase the cash funded share of capital expenditures."

- Q. What do the OCA's revenue requirements experts conclude about the ability of PGW's existing rates to meet the interest coverage requirement?
 - Those witnesses' testimonies and exhibits will speak for themselves, but I can provide my basic understanding of their in-depth analyses of PGW's operations. As I understand it, the OCA's experts have concluded that PGW's rates should be reduced by approximately \$1 million. I also would note that this assumes none of PGW's costs or revenues are affected by the pandemic or the ongoing economic fallout from the past few months. As I understand it, under OCA's revenue requirement recommendation, PGW would continue to pay the City a dividend of \$18 million per year.

I would emphasize that we are not living under normal conditions. Businesses, small and large, throughout Philadelphia are facing the very real prospect of not being able to pay their out-of-pocket expenses and laying off most or all of their workforce.

They are facing negative returns on their investments. That is the real-world competitive market that regulation is trying to mirror.

²⁹ Minimum Filing Requirements, § 53.52(c)(5).

I am not suggesting that PGW should have rates that are inadequate to ensure the provision of safe and reliable service to its customers. My recommendation allows PGW to continue operations, recover all of its expenses, pay its bondholders, and even pay an \$18 million annual dividend to the City. Most of PGW's customers would be absolutely thrilled if they could pay all their bills (including various increases in expenses that may or may not occur next year), make all of their debt payments, and still have enough left over to earn 50% more than their debt payments. Most businesses would find that result absolutely amazing at this time. When compared to the economic devastation gripping its service territory, I cannot find anything just or reasonable about increasing PGW's rates at this time.

Moreover, it is my opinion that the Commission cannot lend any credence to PGW's projections for the FPFTY. That applies to essentially every aspect of PGW's projections. Since PGW filed the case, interest rates have dropped to near zero;³⁰ oil prices have plunged;³¹ inflation is negative;³² residential gas consumption is increasing and non-residential consumption is decreasing.³³ No one can say how much gas PGW will sell next winter and to which customer classes. How much gas will businesses use next winter? How many children will be in school remotely this fall? How many

³⁰ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Policy Tools (interest rates were decreased to the range of 0% to 0.25% on March 16, 2020), https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/openmarket.htm.

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colleges and universities will be able to open their doors next semester? Will restaurants and retail stores and factories be operating at their normal capacities next fall and winter?

Based on all of these factors, I conclude that the Commission cannot have any confidence in the projections made by PGW for the FPFTY; there is simply too much uncertainty. It would be neither just nor reasonable to set rates based on the assumptions PGW made when it filed this case in February. Virtually every assumption is changing as a result of the pandemic. As a consequence, it is my opinion that it is reasonable -- I would go so far as to say required -- for the Commission to reject PGW's request to increase its rates. The Commission cannot have any certainty about the appropriate, ongoing level of expenses, interest rates, consumption patterns, and the numerous other factors that affect the determination of an appropriate level of rates.

- Q. If the economic situation worsens significantly and cash flow becomes a concern for the
 PGW, are there other actions it could take?
- 14 A. Yes, one obvious way to preserve cash is to defer construction projects that are not
 15 needed to ensure the current provision of safe and reliable service to existing customers.
 16 For example, growth-related projects or system rehabilitation activities that are longer17 term in nature (that is, projects that are not needed to ensure current levels of service
 18 within the next six to 12 months) could be delayed by several months to preserve cash, if
 19 necessary. In addition, if cash flow became extremely serious, PGW also could work
 20 with the City to temporarily reduce or eliminate the cash dividend PGW pays to the City.

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1 2 Q. If the Commission disagrees with you and decides to determine PGW's revenue 3 requirement and rates as if we were not in the midst of a pandemic, what do you 4 recommend? 5 A. The OCA is sponsoring the testimony of four other witnesses who will provide a more 6 traditional rate case presentation. If the Commission rejects my recommendation, I 7 would respectfully suggest that it carefully evaluate the proposals made by the OCA's 8 other witnesses, and allocate any rate change equitably among all customers. 9 Who are the OCA's other expert witnesses? Q. 10 A. Mark Garrett supports the OCA's traditional revenue requirements recommendation in 11 OCA Statement 2. Mr. Garrett also discusses the reasons why PGW cannot meet its 12 burden of proving the reasonableness of its FPFTY projections in light of all of the 13 changes caused by the pandemic. 14 In developing his recommendations, Mr. Garrett relies on the interest coverage 15 and cash flow analysis presented by David Habr in OCA Statement 3. Dr. Habr also 16 discusses some of the pandemic's effects on capital markets and potential impacts on 17 PGW's financing costs. 18 Jerome Mierzwa discusses the PGW's cost-of-service study, allocation of any rate 19 increase among the customer classes, and issues associated with the design of residential rates. His testimony is marked OCA Statement 4. 20 21 Finally, in OCA Statement 5, Roger Colton addresses the particular plight of

PGW's low-income customers during this time. He recommends changes in the PGW's

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universal-service programs, and related matters to help all PGW customers afford essential utility service.

3 Conclusion

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4 Q. Please summarize your conclusions and recommendations.

I strongly recommend that the Commission reduce rates as recommended by the OCA's other witnesses, or, at a minimum, deny any rate increase to PGW in this case, unless it finds that some increase is needed to ensure that PGW meets its interest coverage obligation to bondholders. PGW's projections for the FPFTY cannot be relied upon to make reasonable findings or conclusions about its level of revenues, expenses, or any of the other elements that enter into the ratemaking calculus.

Moreover, given the current economic situation, I conclude that it is neither just nor reasonable to increase rates to PGW's customers at this time. Unemployment rates are skyrocketing in Philadelphia, businesses are closed or conducting limited operations, schools and universities have closed their campuses with no clear path for reopening, nonprofit organizations are stressed to the breaking point, and local government tax revenues are declining. I cannot identify any segment of PGW's customer base for which a rate increase would be just or reasonable at this time. Finally, as I explained above, PGW would not suffer severe financial hardship if rates remained at their current level through the FPFTY.

- 20 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?
- 21 A. Yes, it does.

Appendix A

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Current Position

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Previous Positions

Lecturer in Computer Science, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA. 1993 to 2000.

Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg, PA. 1990 to 1994.

I supervised the administrative and technical staff and shared with one other senior attorney the supervision of a legal staff of 14 attorneys.

Assistant Consumer Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg, PA. 1983 to 1990.

Associate, Laws and Staruch, Harrisburg, PA. 1981 to 1983.

Law Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC. 1980 to 1981.

Research Assistant, Rockville Consulting Group, Washington, DC. 1979.

Current Professional Activities

Member, American Bar Association, Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section.

Member, American Water Works Association.

Admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the New York State Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Served as peer reviewer for *Electricity Journal*, *Journal American Water Works Association*, *Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis*, and *Utilities Policy*.

Previous Professional Activities

Member, American Water Works Association, Rates and Charges Subcommittee, 1998-2001.

Member, Federal Advisory Committee on Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products in Drinking Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC. 1992 to 1994.

Chair, Water Committee, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Washington, DC. 1990 to 1994; member of committee from 1988 to 1990.

Member, Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, Harrisburg, PA. 1990 to 1994.

Member, Small Water Systems Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg, PA. 1990 to 1992.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Emissions Control and Acid Rain Compliance, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, 1991.

Member, Nitrogen Oxides Subcommittee of the Acid Rain Advisory Committee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC. 1991.

Education

J.D. with Honors, George Washington University, Washington, DC. 1981.

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- 31. In the Matter of the Regulation of the Electric Fuel Component Contained within the Rate Schedules of Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co. and Related Matters, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case No. 97-103-EL-EFC. 1998. Concerning fuel-related transactions with affiliated companies and the appropriate ratemaking treatment and regulatory safeguards involving such transactions, on behalf of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
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- 37. In the Matter of the Regulation of the Electric Fuel Component Contained within the Rate Schedules of Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company and Related Matters, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case Nos. 98-101-EL-EFC and 98-102-EL-EFC. 1999. Concerning the costs and procedures associated with the implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, on behalf of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
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- 41. *Northern Utilities, Inc., Petition for Waivers from Chapter 820*, Maine Public Utilities Commission, Docket No. 99-254. 2000. Concerning the standards and requirements for defining and separating a natural gas utility's core and non-core business functions, on behalf of the Maine Public Advocate.
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- 53. *Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Pennsylvania-American Water Company*, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Docket No. R-00038304. 2003. Concerning rate design and cost of service issues, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate.
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- 65. Joint Application of Duke Energy Corp., et al., for Approval of a Transfer and Acquisition of Control, Case Kentucky Public Service Commission, No. 2005-00228. 2005. Concerning the risks and benefits associated with the proposed acquisition of an energy utility, on behalf of the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.
- 66. Commonwealth Edison Company proposed general revision of rates, restructuring and price unbundling of bundled service rates, and revision of other terms and conditions of service, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 05-0597. 2005. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
- 67. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Docket No. R-00051030. 2006. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate.
- 68. Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO, Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS, and Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP, proposed general increases in rates for delivery service, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket Nos. 06-0070, et al. 2006. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
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- 70. Commonwealth Edison Company Petition for Approval of Tariffs Implementing ComEd's Proposed Residential Rate Stabilization Program, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 06-0411. 2006. Concerning a utility's proposed purchased power phase-in proposal, in behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
- 71. Illinois-American Water Company, Application for Approval of its Annual Reconciliation of Purchased Water and Purchased Sewage Treatment Surcharges Pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 655, Illinois Commerce

- Commission, Docket No. 06-0196. 2006. Concerning the reconciliation of purchased water and sewer charges, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General and the Village of Homer Glen, Illinois.
- 72. *Illinois-American Water Company, et al.*, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 06-0336. 2006. Concerning the risks and benefits associated with the proposed divestiture of a water utility, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
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- 74. Aqua Illinois, Inc. Proposed Increase in Water Rates for the Kankakee Division, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 06-0285. 2006. Concerning various revenue requirement, rate design, and tariff issues, on behalf of the County of Kankakee.
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- 77. Application of Artesian Water Company, Inc., for an Increase in Water Rates, Delaware Public Service Commission, Docket No. 06-158. 2006. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Staff of the Delaware Public Service Commission.
- 78. Central Illinois Light Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company, and Illinois Power Company: Petition Requesting Approval of Deferral and Securitization of Power Costs, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 06-0448. 2006. Concerning a utility's proposed purchased power phase-in proposal, in behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
- 79. Petition of Pennsylvania-American Water Company for Approval to Implement a Tariff Supplement Revising the Distribution System Improvement Charge, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Docket No. P-00062241. 2007. Concerning the reasonableness of a water utility's proposal to increase the cap on a statutorily authorized distribution system surcharge, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate.
- 80. Adjustment of the Rates of Kentucky-American Water Company, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Case No. 2007-00143. 2007. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Kentucky Office of Attorney General.
- 81. Application of Kentucky-American Water Company for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction of Kentucky River Station II, Associated Facilities and Transmission Main, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Case No. 2007-00134. 2007. Concerning the life-cycle costs of a planned water supply source and the imposition of conditions on the construction of that project, on behalf of the Kentucky Office of Attorney General.

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- 83. Illinois-American Water Company Application for Approval of its Annual Reconciliation of Purchased Water and Purchased Sewage Treatment Surcharges, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 07-0195. 2007. Concerning the reconciliation of purchased water and sewer charges, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
- 84. *In the Matter of the Application of Aqua Ohio, Inc. to Increase Its Rates for Water Service Provided in the Lake Erie Division*, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case No.07-0564-WW-AIR. 2007. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
- 85. *Pa. Public Utility Commission v. Aqua Pennsylvania Inc.*, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Docket No. R-00072711. 2008. Concerning rate design, on behalf of the Masthope Property Owners Council.
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- 87. Central Illinois Light Company, d/b/a AmerenCILCO; Central Illinois Public Service Company, d/b/a AmerenCIPS; Illinois Power Company, d/b/a AmerenIP: Proposed general increase in rates for electric delivery service, Illinois Commerce Commission Docket Nos. 07-0585, 07-0586, 07-0587. 2008. Concerning rate design and cost of service studies, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
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- 89. *In the Matter of Application of Ohio American Water Co. to Increase Its Rates*, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case No. 07-1112-WS-AIR. 2008. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
- 90. In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Authority to Increase Rates for its Gas Service, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case Nos. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al. 2008. Concerning the need for, and structure of, an accelerated infrastructure replacement program and rate surcharge, on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
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- 93. *Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company*, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 08-0363. 2008. Concerning rate design, cost of service, and automatic rate adjustments, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
- 94. West Virginia American Water Company, West Virginia Public Service Commission, Case No. 08-0900-W-42T. 2008. Concerning affiliated interest charges and relationships, on behalf of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.
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- 96. In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Rates, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case No. 08-0709-EL-AIR. 2009. Concerning rate design and cost of service, on behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
- 97. The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company and North Shore Gas Company Proposed General Increase in Rates for Gas Service, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket Nos. 09-0166 and 09-0167. 2009. Concerning rate design and automatic rate adjustments on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General, Citizens Utility Board, and City of Chicago.
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- 100. Apple Canyon Utility Company and Lake Wildwood Utilities Corporation Proposed General Increases in Water Rates, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket Nos. 09-0548 and 09-0549. 2010. Concerning parent-company charges, quality of service, and other matters, on behalf of Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association and Lake Wildwood Association, Inc.
- 101. Application of Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut to Amend its Rate Schedules, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Docket No. 10-02-13. 2010. Concerning rate design, proof of revenues, and other tariff issues, on behalf of the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel.
- 102. *Illinois-American Water Company Annual Reconciliation of Purchased Water and Sewage Treatment Surcharges*, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket No. 09-0151. 2010. Concerning the reconciliation of purchased water and sewer charges, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
- 103.*Pa. Public Utility Commission v. Pennsylvania-American Water Co.*, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Docket Nos. R-2010-2166212, et al. 2010. Concerning rate design and cost of service study for four wastewater utility districts, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate.
- 104. Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO, Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS, Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP Petition for accounting order, Illinois Commerce

- Commission, Docket No. 10-0517. 2010. Concerning ratemaking procedures for a multi-district electric and natural gas utility, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General.
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- 107. Application of Yankee Gas Services Company for Amended Rate Schedules, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control, Docket No. 10-12-02. 2011. Concerning rate design and cost of service for a natural gas utility, on behalf of the Connecticut Office of Consumers' Counsel.
- 108. California-American Water Company, California Public Utilities Commission, Application 10-07-007.
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- 114. Ameren Illinois Company: Proposed general increase in electric delivery service rates and gas delivery service rates, Illinois Commerce Commission, Docket Nos. 11-0279 and 11-0282. 2011. Concerning rate design and cost of service for natural gas and electric distribution service, on behalf of the Illinois Office of Attorney General and the Citizens Utility Board.
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Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2019, Featuring Supplemental Data from April 2020

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Financial Repercussions from COVID-19

For many families, financial circumstances in 2020 look very different than they did in late 2019 when the SHED was fielded. In order to gain further information about these changing circumstances, the Federal Reserve Board fielded a supplemental survey in April 2020. From the start of March through early April 2020, 19 percent of adults reported losing a job, being furloughed, or having their hours reduced. Among those experiencing these employment disruptions, over one-third expected to have difficulty with their bills in April. Yet, for those not experiencing an employment disruption, financial outcomes at the time of the supplemental survey were largely similar to those observed in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Employment and Work from Home

Thirteen percent of adults, representing 20 percent of people who had been working in February, reported that they lost a job or were furloughed in March or the beginning of April 2020 (figure 39). ⁵⁰ These job losses were most severe among workers with lower incomes. Thirty-nine percent of people

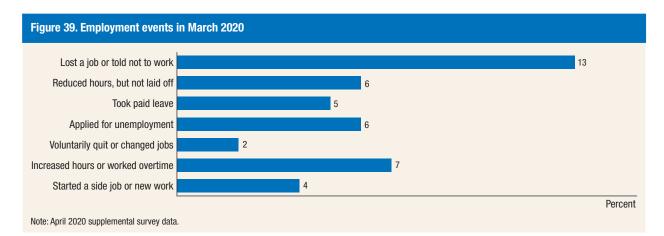
working in February with a household income below \$40,000 reported a job loss in March. Another 6 percent of all adults had their hours reduced or took unpaid leave. Taken together, 19 percent of all adults reported either losing a job or experiencing a reduction in work hours in March.

Despite these widespread employment losses, some people took on new or additional employment in March. Seven percent of adults reported that they increased their hours worked or worked overtime. Four percent of adults, including 8 percent of those who experienced a job loss, took on a side job to supplement their income. Some people who lost jobs may also have started other full-time employment or already had second jobs.

Many people who lost a job remained connected to their employer and expected to return to the same job eventually. Nine in 10 people who lost a job said that their employer indicated that they would return to their job at some point. In general, however, people were not told specifically when to expect to return to work. Seventy-seven percent said that their

For Respondents were asked about employment events between March 1 and when they took the survey. The survey was in the field from April 3 through April 6. Subsequent references in this section to events in March include the beginning of April

prior to the respondent taking the survey; 1,030 adults responded to the supplemental survey, and results were weighted to be nationally representative. Additional details can be found in the "Description of the Survey" section of this report.



employer told them to expect to return, but did not give them a return date. A smaller 14 percent were given a specific return date or had already returned to work. It is difficult to predict, however, how long layoffs will ultimately last.

Many of those who were still working worked from home. More than half of workers (53 percent) did at least some work from home in the last week of March, and 41 percent did all their work from home. For comparison, in October 2019, 7 percent of people working for someone else usually worked from home (see the "Employment" section of this report).

Workers with higher levels of education, particularly bachelor's degrees, were more likely to work from home. Sixty-three percent of workers with at least a bachelor's degree worked entirely from home. Among workers with a high school degree or less, 20 percent worked entirely from home, as did 27 percent of workers who have completed some college or an associate degree (figure 40).

Some people also said that childcare, family obligations, or health concerns contributed to them working less in March. Including those taking paid leave or who had their hours reduced but who were not laid off, 9 percent of adults worked fewer hours in March. Among this group, 21 percent said they worked fewer hours because of family responsibilities or childcare. Seventeen percent said that illness or health limitations had contributed to their reduction in hours. Nevertheless, 47 percent of those

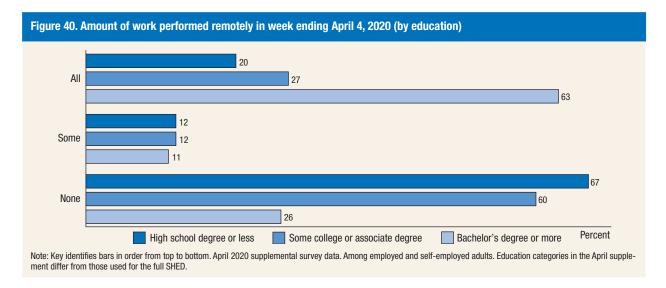
working fewer hours said it was due to fewer hours offered by their employer.

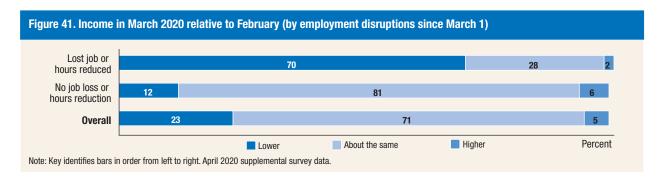
Effects on Family Finances

For the majority of adults, income, ability to pay current bills, and their approach to covering a hypothetical \$400 unexpected expense appear to be generally stable during the initial period of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet among those who experienced employment losses, financial well-being is substantially lower.

Consistent with the employment declines in March, many people experienced declines in their incomes. Overall, 23 percent of adults said their income in March was lower than in February, while 5 percent said their income increased and the rest indicated it was about the same (figure 41). Among those who lost a job or had their hours reduced, 70 percent reported that their income declined. Most people who did not report a job loss or reduced hours said that their income was about the same, although 12 percent said their month-to-month income declined between February and March.

A loss of income can affect people's ability to pay regular monthly bills. Eighty-one percent of adults said they could pay all the current month's bills in full in April, which was essentially unchanged from the fourth quarter of 2019 (table 32). Yet, the survey found far greater rates of difficulty among those experiencing employment disruptions. Sixty-



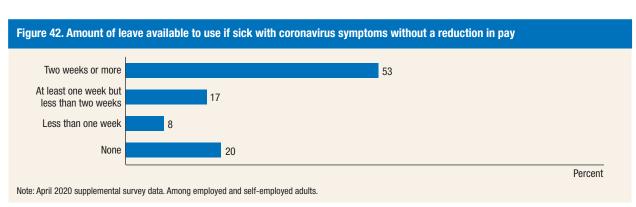




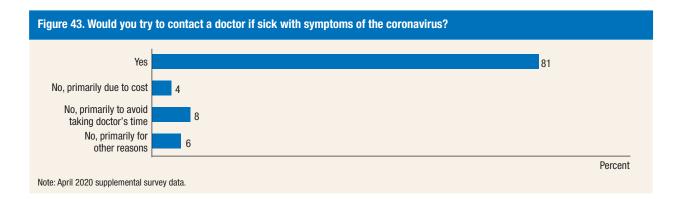
four percent of adults who reported a job loss or reduction in hours expected to be able to pay all their bills in full in April, compared to 85 percent of those without an employment disruption.⁵¹

Similarly, for adults overall in April, the share who reported they would pay an unexpected \$400 emergency expense entirely using cash, savings, or a credit card paid off at the next statement was essentially unchanged from the fall of 2019. Yet those who experienced the loss of a job or work hours were less likely to report they would pay an unexpected \$400 expense in these ways.

In addition to the economic effects from the broader employment disruptions related to COVID-19, individuals may experience additional financial challenges if they, or someone close to them, gets sick. Workers who lack paid leave are more likely to face financial hardships or deplete financial resources if they become sick with coronavirus symptoms. Fiftythree percent of employed adults, including those who are self-employed, indicated that could take two or more weeks of paid leave if they got sick with coronavirus symptoms (figure 42). Nonetheless, one-fifth of employed adults reported that they could not take any time off without a reduction in income under these circumstances. On average, those with more education had more leave available. Sixty-four percent of adults with a bachelor's degree or more said that they had at least two weeks of leave, while 42 percent of adults with a high school



⁵¹ The April supplement was conducted after the passage of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the CARES Act, which provided financial relief to many families and expanded the availability of paid leave for some workers who contract COVID-19. However, the survey was conducted before most benefits were received, so it is unclear how many respondents considered these new policies when responding to the survey.



degree or less said that they could take off at least two weeks without a reduction in income.

Financial circumstances can also affect decisions to seek medical care. Most adults (81 percent) said they would try to contact a doctor if they were to get sick with coronavirus symptoms, although a small share (4 percent) indicated that concerns about cost would deter them (figure 43). Those who experienced a job loss or reduced hours were more likely not to contact a doctor because of costs (8 percent), relative to those who had not (3 percent). However, this is well below the share who reported in the fall that they

skipped any medical care due to an inability to pay (see the "Dealing with Unexpected Expenses" section of this report). This lower rate of expecting to skip medical care for COVID-19 likely reflects its serious nature.

Results from the supplemental survey reflect financial conditions at the beginning of April 2020 and indicate the nature of families' experiences of financial conditions at that time. However, the financial repercussions from COVID-19 continue to evolve, and the Federal Reserve Board will continue to monitor the financial conditions of households.

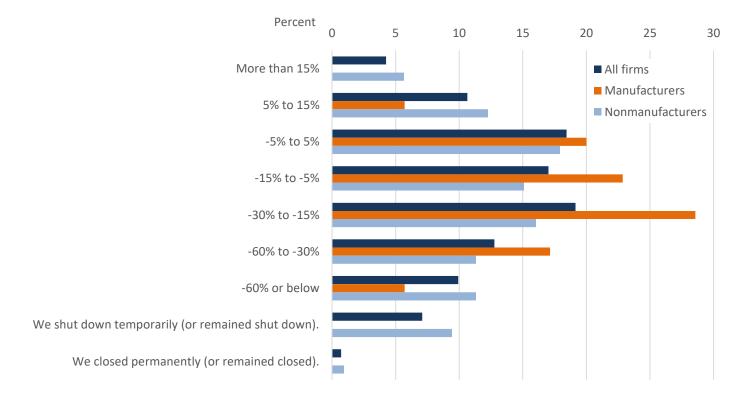
BOS SPECIAL WEEKLY BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY ON COVID-19

Week ending May 31, 2020

Note: We received input from a total of 143 firms. Of those 143 respondents, 141 answered question 1.

1. Considering what you had expected before the COVID-19 outbreak, what would you say has been the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated effects on the past week's new orders or sales?

Nearly 59 percent of all responding firms reported decreases of more than 5 percent in new orders or sales (mostly unchanged from last week), while 15 percent reported increases of more than 5 percent (up from 8 percent). More than 18 percent reported changes between -5 percent and 5 percent (down from 24 percent). A larger share of manufacturers reported overall decreases (74 percent vs. 54 percent) relative to nonmanufacturers, while a larger share of nonmanufacturers reported overall increases (18 percent vs. 6 percent). Nearly 8 percent of the firms reported a temporary or permanent shutdown.



BOS SPECIAL WEEKLY BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY ON COVID-19

Week ending May 31, 2020

Note: Of the 143 respondents, 140 answered question 2. Respondents were able to choose as many options as applied.

2. As of now, how has your firm responded to the outbreak and its associated effects?

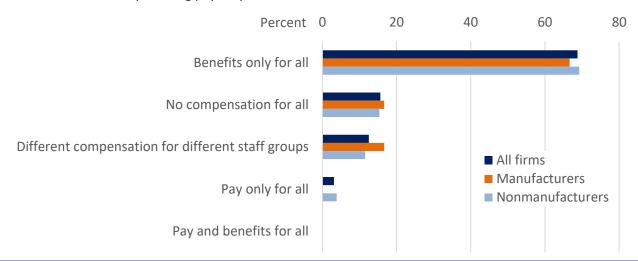
Nearly 59 percent of the firms reported shifting to telecommuting/work from home in response to COVID-19 impacts (little changed from last week), and 27 percent reported ceasing all hiring (down from 39 percent last week). Equal shares of firms (24 percent) noted hiring to replace attrition, reducing employee workweek hours, and furloughing employees. Larger shares of manufacturers reported reducing employee workweek hours and hiring only to replace attrition, while a larger share of nonmanufacturers reported changing product offerings and furloughing employees.



Note: Of the 143 total respondents, 34 answered the following question.

3. As of now, are you providing pay and benefits, pay only, benefits only, or no compensation for furloughed employees?

Of the 34 firms above that noted having furloughed employees, 69 percent reported providing benefits only for all affected employees, 16 percent reported providing no compensation, and 13 percent reported providing different compensation for different groups of affected employees. Slightly more than 3 percent of the firms reported providing pay only, and none of the firms noted providing pay and benefits for all. A larger share of manufacturers reported providing different compensation for different groups of furloughed employees, and only nonmanufacturers noted providing pay only.



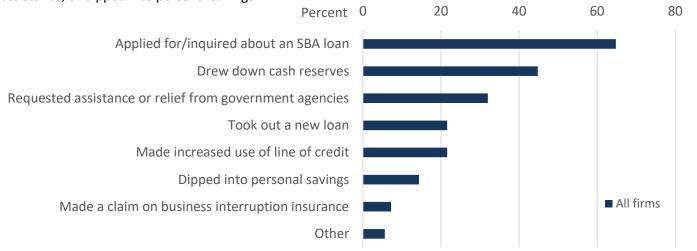
BOS SPECIAL WEEKLY BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY ON COVID-19

Week ending May 31, 2020

Note: Of the 143 total respondents, 125 answered question 4. Respondents were able to choose as many options as applied.

4. What measures have you taken to cover shortfalls in revenues experienced as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak?

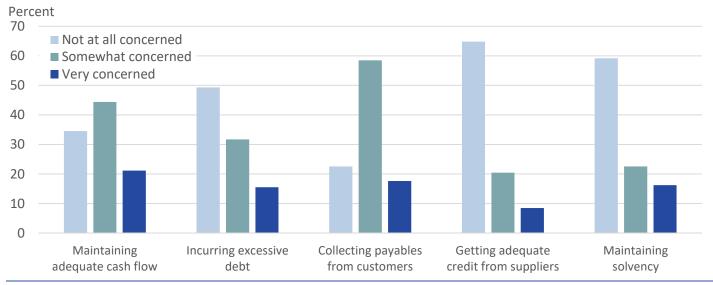
Nearly 65 percent of the firms reported applying for or inquiring about a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to cover shortfalls in revenues, 45 percent drew down cash reserves, and 32 percent requested assistance from government agencies. Equal shares of firms (22 percent) noted taking out a new loan or making increased use of a line of credit. Larger shares of nonmanufacturing firms reported they drew down cash reserves, requested government assistance, or dipped into personal savings.



Note: Of the 143 total respondents, 142 responded to question 5.

5. How concerned are you about your ability to deal with each of the following over the next month?

Overall, the share of firms indicating being somewhat or very concerned about various credit issues declined relative to when we asked the same question last month. However, most of the firms indicated being somewhat or very concerned about collecting payables from customers (76 percent vs. 79 percent last month) and maintaining adequate cash flow (66 percent vs. 80 percent last month). Nearly 39 percent of the firms noted concern about maintaining solvency, down from 50 percent last month. Larger shares of nonmanufacturers noted concerns about maintaining solvency and getting adequate credit from suppliers.







MANUFACTURING BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY

May 2020

Note: Survey responses were collected from May 11 to May 18.

Manufacturing firms reported continued weakness in regional manufacturing activity this month, according to results from the *Manufacturing Business Outlook Survey*. Despite remaining well below zero, the survey's current indicators for general activity, new orders, shipments, and employment rose this month after reaching long-term low readings in April. The firms expect the current slump in manufacturing activity to last less than six months, as the broadest indicator of future activity strengthened further from last month's reading; furthermore, the firms continue to expect overall growth in new orders, shipments, and employment over the next six months.

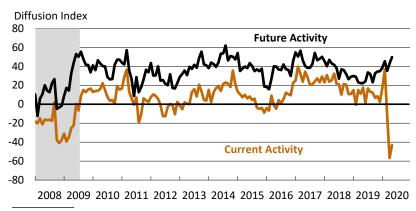
Current Indicators Remain Negative but Climb from Long-Term Lows

After reaching a 40-year low in April, the diffusion index for current general activity rose 13 points to -43.1, its third consecutive negative reading (see Chart). The percentage of firms reporting decreases this month (58 percent) far exceeded the percentage reporting increases (15 percent). The index for new orders rose 45 points out of an all-time low for the series last month, from -70.9 to -25.7. Over 25 percent of the firms reported an increase in new orders, up from none in April, while 51 percent reported decreases, down from 71 percent last month. The current shipments index increased 44 points out of an all-time low last month, from -74.1 to -30.3. Unfilled orders held steady at -13.7, while delivery times fell 11 points to -6.7, suggesting shorter delivery times.

The firms continued to report overall decreases in manufacturing employment this month, but the current employment index increased 31 points to -15.3. Nearly 9 percent of the firms reported higher employment, compared with none last month, while 24 percent reported decreases, down from 47 percent last month. The average workweek index increased 47 points to -7.1.

Current and Future General Activity Indexes

January 2008 to May 2020



Note: The diffusion index is computed as the percentage of respondents indicating an increase minus the percentage indicating a decrease; the data are seasonally adjusted.

Firms Report Increases in Prices of Their Inputs

The prices paid diffusion index increased 13 points to 3.2. The percentage of firms reporting increases in input prices (16 percent) was higher than the percentage reporting decreases (13 percent). The current prices received index rose 8 points to a reading of -3.1, its second consecutive negative reading.

Firms Expect Own Prices to Rise Slower Than Inflation

In this month's special questions, the firms were asked to forecast the changes in the prices of their own products and for U.S. consumers over the next four quarters. Regarding their own prices, the firms' median forecast was for an increase of 1.0 percent, lower than the 2.5 percent that was forecast when the same question was last asked in February. The firms' actual price change over the past year was 0.0 percent, down from 2.0 percent in the prior quarter. The firms expect their employee compensation costs (wages plus benefits on a per employee basis) to rise 2.5 percent over the next four quarters, a decrease from 3.0 percent in the previous quarter. When asked about the rate of inflation for U.S. consumers over the next year, the firms' median

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forecast was unchanged at 2.0 percent. The firms' median forecast for the long-run (10-year average) inflation rate was 3.0 percent, an increase from 2.5 percent in the previous quarter.

Most Future Indicators Remain Elevated

Despite the current weakened conditions, the respondents remained optimistic about growth over the next six months. The diffusion index for future general activity rose 7 points to 49.7 (see Chart). Over 62 percent of the firms expect increases in activity over the next six months, while 13 percent expect declines. The future new orders index increased 18 points, while the future shipments index held steady this month. The future inventories index fell 15 points to a reading of -1.4. The firms' expectations for employment over the next six months remained positive but fell 10 points this month: Nearly 35 percent of the firms expect higher employment, while 18 percent expect lower employment.

Summary

Responses to the May Manufacturing Business Outlook Survey suggest a continued weakening in manufacturing activity this month. The indicators for current activity, new orders, shipments, and employment increased from their long-term low readings in April but remained negative. The survey's future indexes, however, remained elevated, suggesting that respondents expect growth in manufacturing activity to pick back up over a horizon of six months.

Special Questions (May 2020)

Please list the annual percent change with	h respect to the	following:
	Current	Previous (February 2020)
For your firm:		
Forecast for next year (2020Q2–2021Q2)		
Prices your firm will receive (for its own goods and services sold).	1.0	2.5
Compensation your firm will pay per employee (for wages and benefits).	2.5	3.0
Last year's price change (2019Q2–2020Q2	2)	
3. Prices your firm did receive (for its own goods and services sold) over the last year.	0.0	2.0
For U.S. consumers:		
4. Prices consumers will pay for goods and services over the next year.	2.0	2.0
5. Prices U.S. consumers will pay for goods and services over the next 10 years (2020–2029).	3.0	2.5

The numbers represent medians of the individual forecasts (percent changes). For question 5, firms reported a 10-year annual-average change.

MANUFACTURING BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY	May vs. April					Six Months from Now vs. May				
May 2020	Previous Diffusion Index	Increase	No Change	Decrease	Diffusion Index	Previous Diffusion Index	Increase	No Change	Decrease	Diffusion Index
What is your evaluation of the level of general business activity?	-56.6	14.9	27.0	58.1	-43.1	43.0	62.4	19.0	12.8	49.7
Company Business Indicators										
New Orders	-70.9	25.3	23.8	50.9	-25.7	36.5	64.8	16.3	10.1	54.7
Shipments	-74.1	19.1	30.8	49.4	-30.3	46.0	55.9	22.3	9.9	46.0
Unfilled Orders	-13.5	18.5	48.7	32.2	-13.7	17.0	23.2	49.1	17.2	6.0
Delivery Times	4.1	15.6	62.1	22.3	-6.7	1.4	17.9	58.9	12.8	5.1
Inventories	-10.2	36.3	36.7	24.6	11.7	13.7	25.6	35.7	27.0	-1.4
Prices Paid	-9.3	16.2	70.6	13.0	3.2	25.5	29.5	50.7	8.4	21.2
Prices Received	-10.6	6.4	84.1	9.5	-3.1	16.9	24.3	59.5	8.7	15.6
Number of Employees	-46.7	8.5	64.4	23.8	-15.3	26.6	34.5	36.2	18.3	16.2
Average Employee Workweek	-54.5	15.2	61.5	22.3	-7.1	26.0	27.5	52.3	8.0	19.6
Capital Expenditures						12.4	29.1	44.7	13.9	15.2

- (1) Diffusion indexes represent the percentage indicating an increase minus the percentage indicating a decrease.
- All data are seasonally adjusted. (2)
- (3) Percentages may not sum to 100 percent because of rounding, omission by respondents, or both.
- Survey results reflect data received through May 18, 2020.



NONMANUFACTURING BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY

Note: Survey responses were collected from May 7 to May 21.

May 2020

Responses to the May Nonmanufacturing Business Outlook Survey suggest continued weakness in nonmanufacturing activity in the region. Despite remaining well below zero, the survey's current indicators for general activity at the firm level, new orders, sales/revenues, and full-time employment all increased this month after reaching all-time low readings in April. The firms continued to report overall decreases in prices of both their inputs and their own goods and services for the second consecutive month. The survey's index for firm-level future activity returned to positive territory and suggests optimism about growth over the next six months.

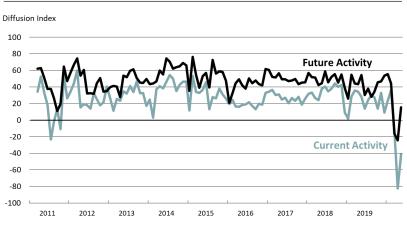
Current Indicators Remain Negative

After reaching an all-time low in April, the indicator for firm-level general activity rose 41 points to -41.4, its third consecutive negative reading (see Chart). Although a smaller share of firms reported decreases this month compared with last month, the percentage of firms reporting decreases this month (57 percent) far exceeded the percentage reporting increases (16 percent). The new orders index remains negative but rose 35 points out of an all-time low for the series last month, from -67.2 to -32.4. Over 13 percent of the firms reported an increase in new orders, up from none in April, while 46 percent reported decreases, down from 68 percent last month. The sales/revenues index increased 37 points out of an all-time low last month, from -87.9 to -50.8. Over 11 percent of the firms reported an increase in sales/revenues, up from none in April, while 62 percent reported decreases, down from 88 percent last month. The index measuring firms' perception of regional activity rose 28 points to -68.6.

Employment Indicators Suggest Continued Declines

Responding firms continued to report overall decreases in both full- and part-time employment. The full-time employment index rose 24 points to -23.4 in May. The share of firms reporting decreases in full-time employment (31 percent) exceeded the share reporting increases (7 percent); the majority (59 percent) reported no change. The part-time employment index rose 22 points to -37.3, while the average workweek index increased 14 points to -36.9. The wages and benefits indicator rose 21 points to -14.9.

Chart. Current and Future General Activity Indexes for FirmsMarch 2011 to May 2020



Note: The diffusion index is computed as the percentage of respondents indicating an increase minus the percentage indicating a decrease; the data are seasonally adjusted.

Firms Report Overall Price Decreases

The indexes for prices paid for inputs and prices received for the firms' own products and services both remained in negative territory for the second consecutive month. The prices paid index fell 6 points to -6.2. Seventeen percent of the respondents reported decreases in input prices, while 11 percent reported increases. The prices received index edged up 4 points to -11.2 in May. Over 17 percent of the firms reported decreases in prices received, while 6 percent reported increases. A majority of the firms (53 percent) reported no change in their own prices.

Firms Expect Own Prices to Rise Slower Than Inflation

In this month's special questions, the firms were asked to forecast the changes in the prices of their own products and services and for U.S. consumers over the next four quarters (see Special Questions). Regarding their own prices, the firms' median forecast was for an increase of 1.0 percent, down from 2.0 percent when the question was last asked in February. Regarding the firms' historical own price change over the previous year, the median response was 1.0 percent, up from

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the previous report of zero percent. When asked about the rate of inflation for U.S. consumers over the next year, the firms' median forecast was unchanged at 2.0 percent. The firms expect their employee compensation costs (wages plus benefits per employee) to rise 2.0 percent over the next four quarters, lower than the 3.0 percent that was forecast when the same question was last asked in February. The firms' forecast for the long-run (10-year) inflation rate remained at 3.0 percent.

Firms Regain Optimism About Their Own Future Growth

Readings from both future activity indexes increased from alltime lows last month. The diffusion index for future activity at the firm level rose 40 points to 15.4, its first positive reading since February (see Chart). Nearly 50 percent of the firms expect a rise in activity at their firms over the next six months, compared with 34 percent that expect a decline. The future regional activity index increased 36 points to -10.0 in May.

Summary

Results from this month's Nonmanufacturing Business Outlook Survey suggest continued weakness in regional nonmanufacturing activity. The indicators for firm-level general activity, new orders, sales/revenues, and full-time employment increased from their all-time low readings in April but remained negative. However, respondents expect growth at the firm level over the next six months.

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	Current	Previous (February 2020)				
For your firm:						
Forecast for next year (2020Q2–2021Q2)						
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2. Compensation your firm will pay per employee (for wages and benefits).	2.0	3.0				
Last year's price change (2019Q2–2020Q	2)					
3. Prices your firm did receive (for its own goods and services sold) over the last year.	1.0	0.0				
For U.S. consumers:						
4. Prices consumers will pay for goods and services over the next year.	2.0	2.0				
5. Prices U.S. consumers will pay for goods and services over the next 10 years (2020–2029).	3.0	3.0				

The numbers represent medians of the individual forecasts (percent changes). For question 5, firms reported a 10-year annual-average change.

NONMANUFACTURING	May vs. April					Six Months from Now vs. May					
BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY May 2020	Previous Diffusion Index	Increase	No Change	Decrease	Diffusion Index	Previous Diffusion Index	Increase	No Change	Decrease	Diffusion Index	
What is your assessment of general business activity for the region?	-96.4	3.0	23.6	71.6	-68.6	-45.8	38.7	9.2	48.7	-10.0	
What is your assessment of general business activity for your firm?	-82.5	15.5	27.5	57.0	-41.4	-24.5	49.4	15.9	33.9	15.4	
Company Business Indicators											
New Orders	-67.2	13.1	15.1	45.5	-32.4	NOTES:					
Sales or Revenues	-87.9	11.3	21.9	62.1	-50.8	(1)		•	sent the per-		
Unfilled Orders	-18.8	8.0	10.4	14.3	-6.3		Ü	Ü	ncrease minus ng a decrease		
Inventories	1.9	3.3	11.6	11.9	-8.5	(2)	All data are seasonally adjusted. Percentages may not sum to 100 percent because of rounding, omission by				
Prices Paid	-0.4	10.8	51.2	17.0	-6.2	(3)					
Prices Received	-15.4	6.1	52.8	17.3	-11.2		respondents		18, 011113310111	у	
Number of Employees – Full-Time Permanent	-47.5	7.4	58.5	30.8	-23.4	(4)	Survey results reflect data received				
Number of Employees – Part-Time, Temporary, and Contract	-58.9	5.0	38.7	42.3	-37.3		through Ma	y 21, 2020.			
Average Employee Workweek	-50.7	10.2	39.4	47.2	-36.9						
Wage and Benefit Costs	-35.7	9.4	62.8	24.3	-14.9						
Capital Expenditures – Physical Plant	-41.3	7.0	20.8	35.2	-28.2						
Capital Expenditures – Equipment & Software	-40.5	13.7	27.0	35.4	-21.7						



Impact of COVID-19 on Consumer Energy Use & Outlook

Results of EPRI National Survey

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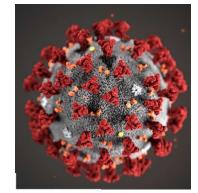


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Introduction

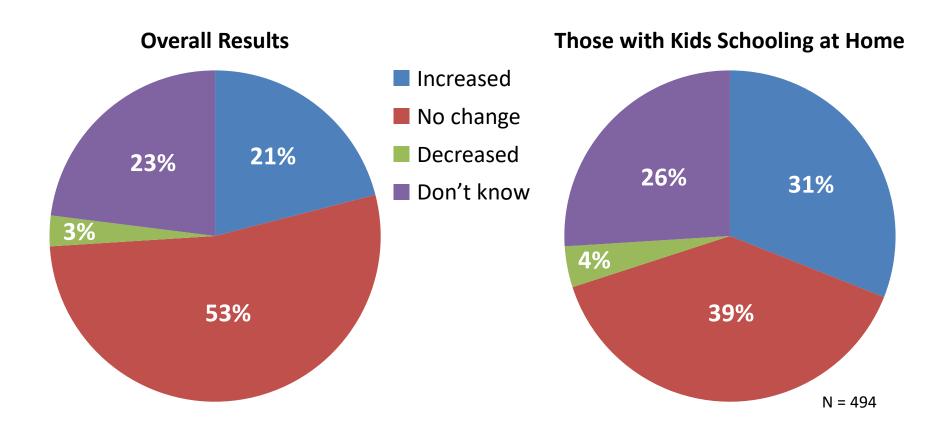
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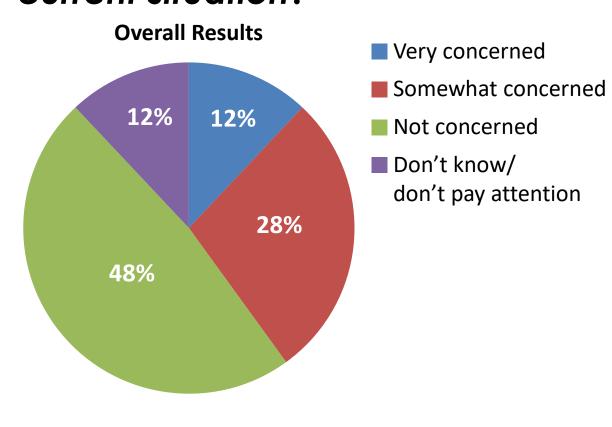
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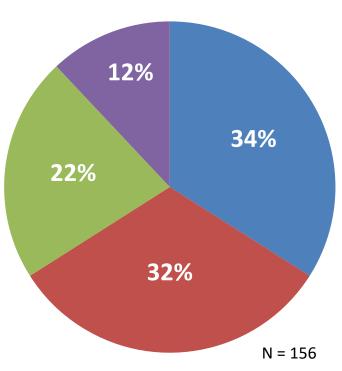




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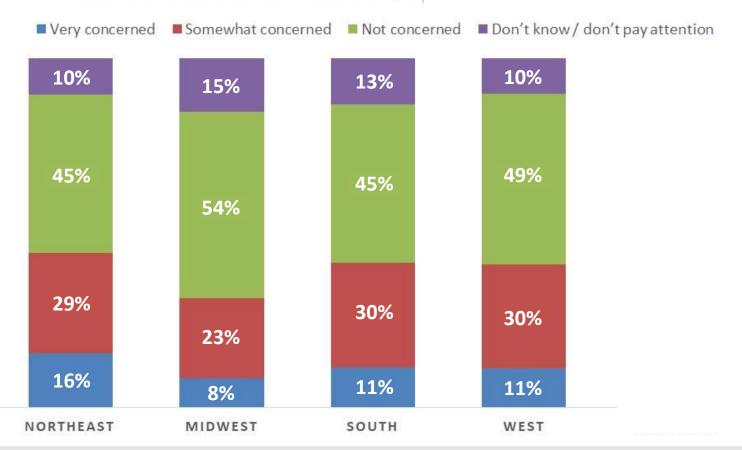
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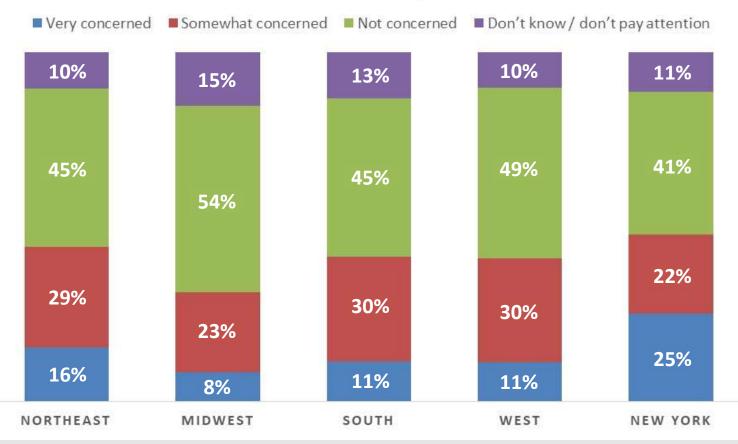
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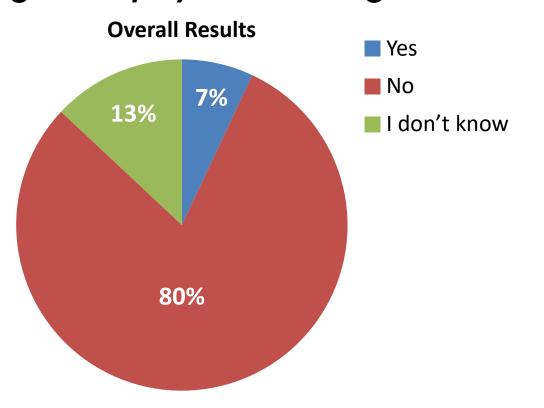
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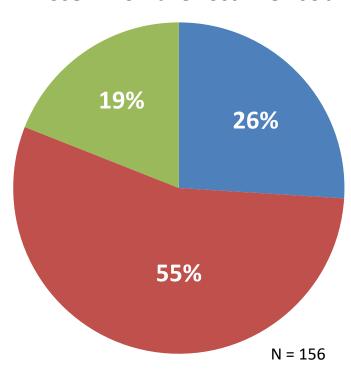




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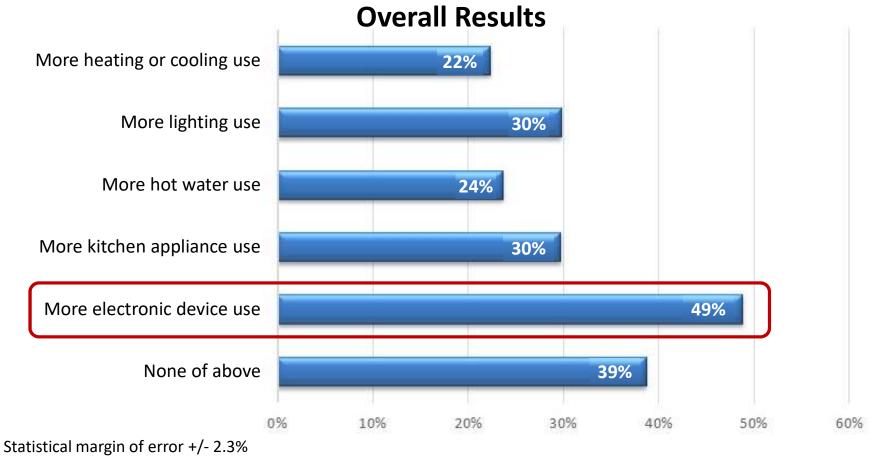


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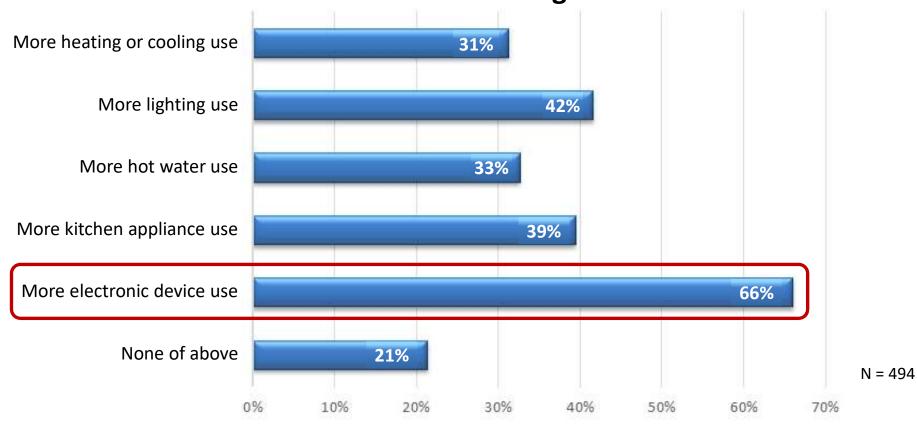


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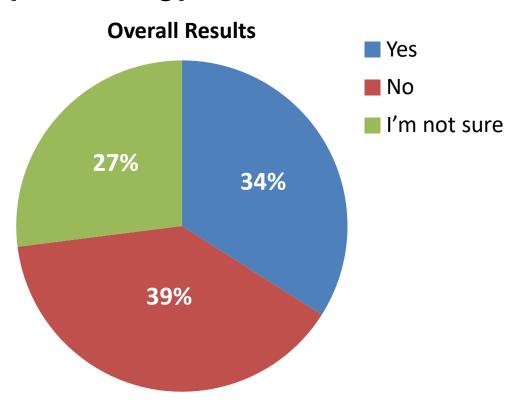
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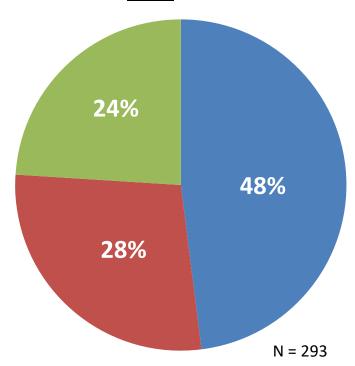




Are savings from other expenses offsetting any increases in your energy bills?



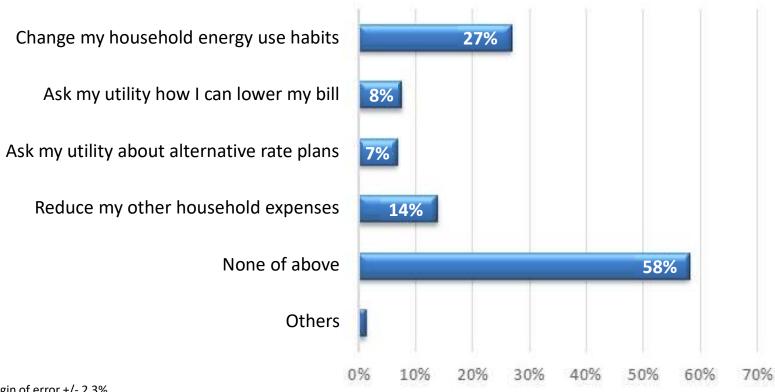
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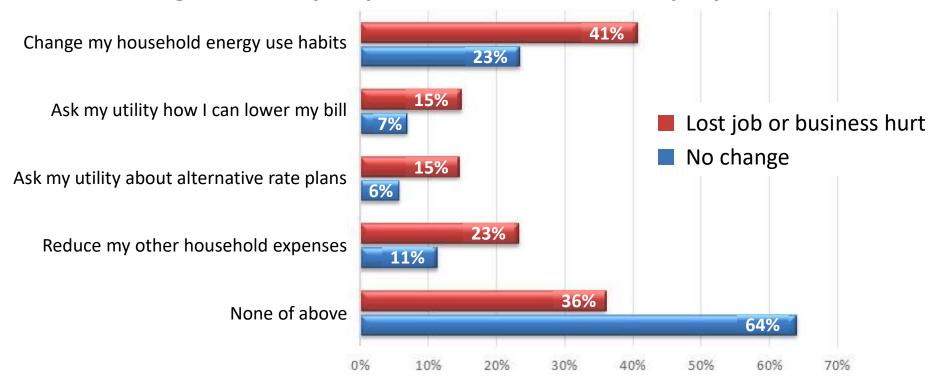
Overall Results





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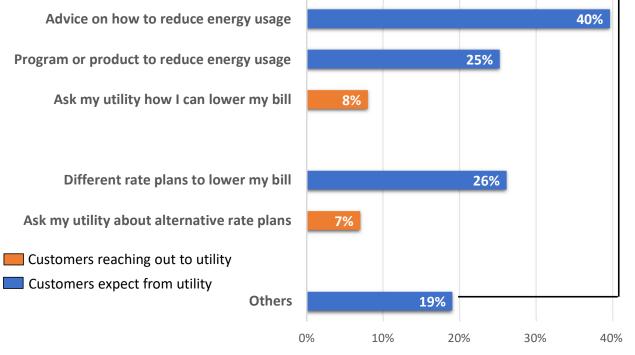


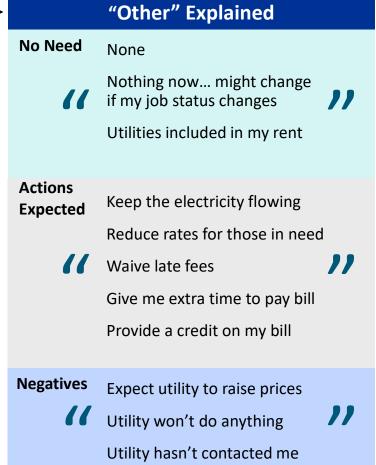


What actions do you expect your electric utility to take?

Few customers are proactively asking their utility for help to reduce their energy use and bills; however

More customers still expect their utility to help by providing advice, programs, or rate plans to reduce their energy bills

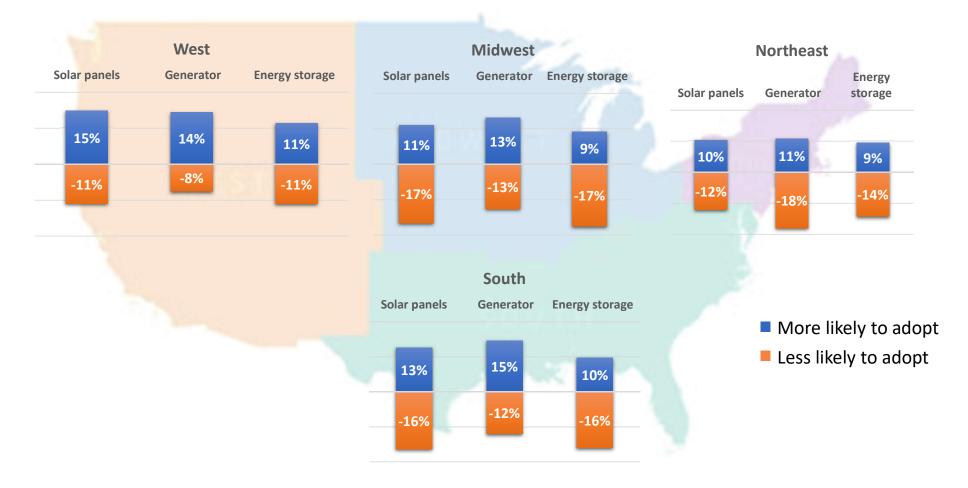




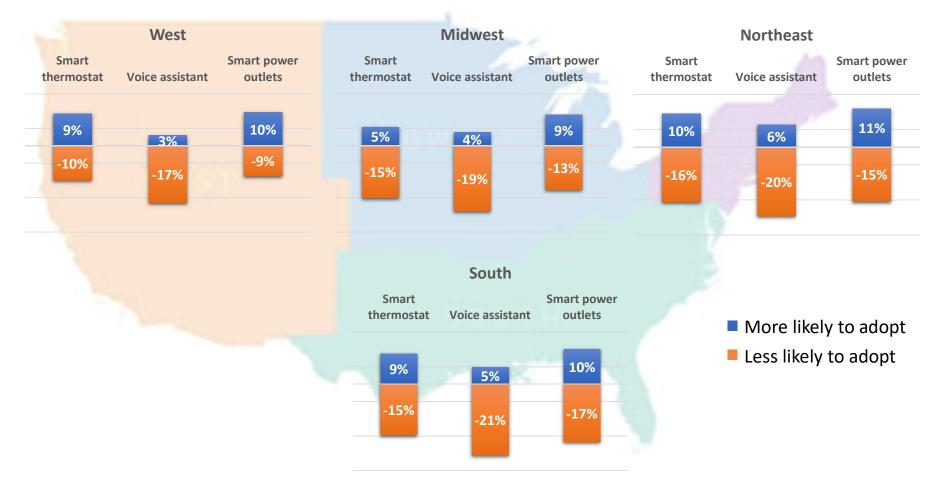




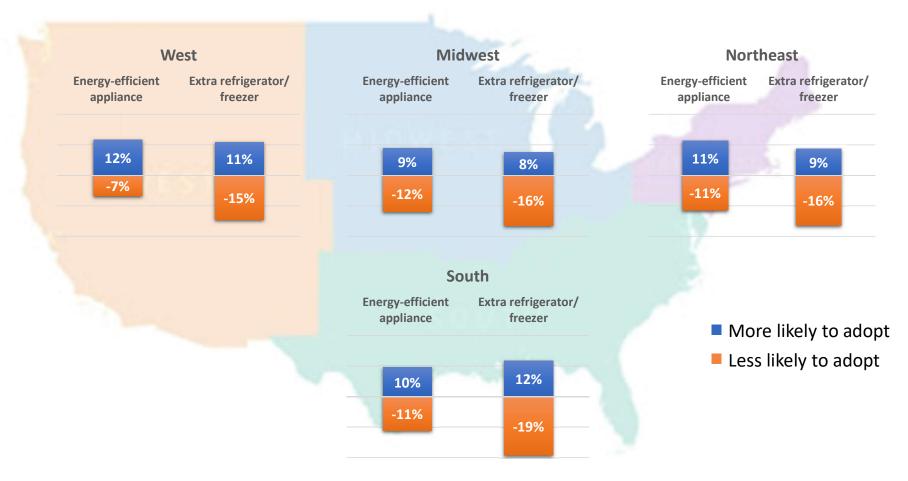
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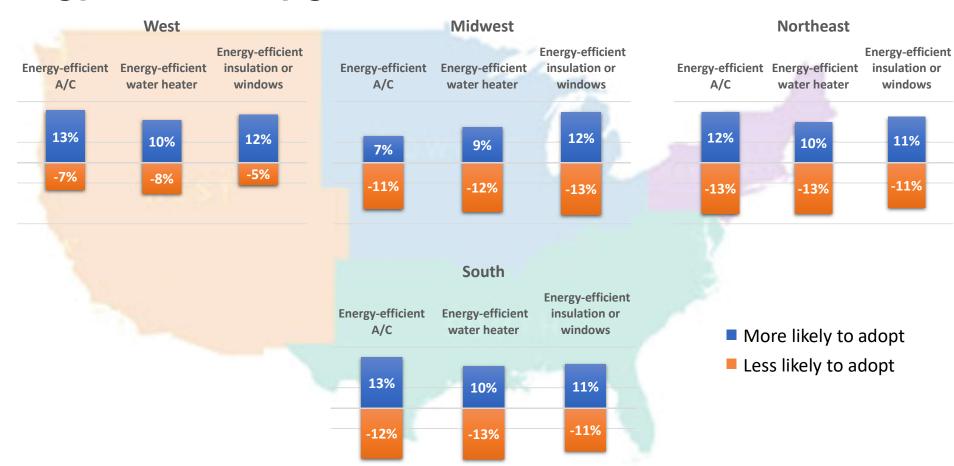
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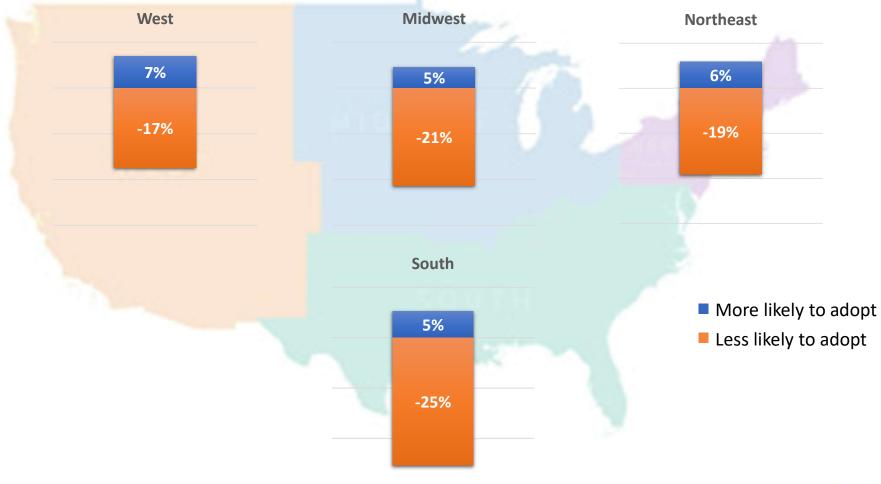


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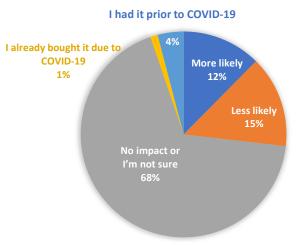
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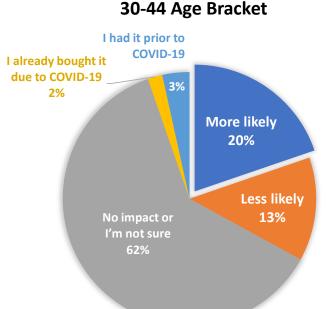
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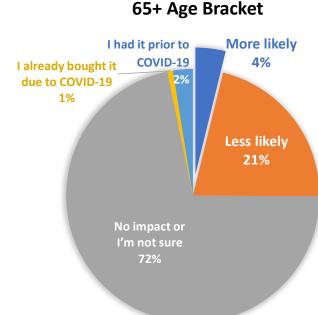


COVID-19 spurs greatest <u>uptick in solar panel interest</u> among 30-44 age bracket; least among 65+ age bracket

All Respondents







Similar age-segment trend for COVID-19 impact on interest in other technologies





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Announcement of Periodic Review: Moody's announces completion of a periodic review of ratings of Philadelphia (City of) PA Gas Works

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New York, February 13, 2020 -- Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has completed a periodic review of the ratings of Philadelphia (City of) PA Gas Works and other ratings that are associated with the same analytical unit. The review was conducted through a portfolio review in which Moody's reassessed the appropriateness of the ratings in the context of the relevant principal methodology(ies), recent developments, and a comparison of the financial and operating profile to similarly rated peers. The review did not involve a rating committee. Since 1 January 2019, Moody's practice has been to issue a press release following each periodic review to announce its completion.

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Key rating considerations are summarized below.

Philadelphia (City of) Gas Works' ("PGW") A3 senior lien revenue bond rating reflects a history of credit supportive rate decisions and sound operational and cost management that supports a more predictable and strengthened financial and operating profile. The stabilized financial profile stems from PGW's state-regulated rate increases along with the utility's decision not to finance, construct or take any volume risk exposure related to the LNG expansion project. Current rates are sufficient to not only adequately cover annual debt service but also provide excess cash flow to continue to increase the cash funded share of capital expenditures.

This document summarizes Moody's view as of the publication date and will not be updated until the next periodic review announcement, which will incorporate material changes in credit circumstances (if any) during the intervening period.

The principal methodology used for this review was US Municipal Utility Revenue Debt published in October 2017. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

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v.

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I, Scott J. Rubin, hereby state that the facts above set forth in my Direct Testimony, OCA Statement No. 1, are true and correct and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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