

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2023-3044549 et al.
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2024-3045268
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2024-3045385
Peoples Industrial Intervenors	:	C-2024-3045960
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v.	:	
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Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	

**INTERIM ORDER  
ON BRIEFS, NON-UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT  
AND CLOSING OF THE RECORD**

On December 29, 2023, Peoples Natural Gas LLC, which includes Peoples Natural Gas Division (PNGD) and Peoples Gas Division (PGD) (collectively Peoples), filed original Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 48 to become effective February 27, 2024, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$156 million (18.7%) in additional annual revenues. Among other things, the tariff changes in the filing include the merger of the rate districts for PNGD and PGD, the addition of a weather normalization adjustment, and changes to several existing tariff riders Under the proposed filing, a PNGD residential customer bill using 80 Mcf will increase from \$73.16 to \$88.79/month or 21.4% and a PGD residential customer bill using 80 Mcf will increase from \$84.00 to \$90.35/month or 7.6%.

By email on May 7, 2024, Peoples reported that it had reached a settlement with I&E with respect to all issues except revenue allocation and rate design.

The evidentiary hearing convened on Thursday May 9, 2024. Counsel for Peoples, I&E, OCA and OSBA appeared, as well as PIOGA, PWPTF, CAUSE-PA and PII (collectively, Parties). OCA cross-examined two of Peoples' witnesses and Peoples cross-examined two of OCA's witnesses. Cross-examination was waived for the remaining witnesses

and each Party moved for the admission of their written testimony and exhibits.

At the conclusion of the hearing, I provided instructions for briefing and the non-unanimous settlement and statements in support. This order memorializes those instructions.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That main briefs, the non-unanimous settlement and accompanying statements in support shall be filed on or before **May 30, 2024**. **Peoples shall serve a copy of the proposed settlement on the consumer complainants.**
2. Reply briefs and objections to the non-unanimous settlement, if any shall be filed on or before **June 13, 2024**.
3. That all briefs must comply with the special briefing instructions appended to the February 5, 2024 Prehearing Order. Brief shall also conform to the following:
  - a. Briefs shall follow a common outline including headings and sub-headings. Every party need not address every issue but should use the same headings in the same order.
  - b. Briefs must include proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and proposed ordering paragraphs. Proposed findings of fact that do not include a specific citation in the record will not be considered.
4. Statements in support of the non-unanimous settlement shall include the following:
  - a. A stipulation of any facts that are necessary to support the terms of the settlement.
  - b. Proposed conclusions of law and ordering paragraphs.

c. An appendix table which sets forth the following information: the current rates for each customer class, the rate increase proposed in the initial filing for each customer class and the rates proposed for each customer class in the petition for settlement. All of these costs and comparisons shall be stated in dollar/cents amounts and in percentages. Your presentation must be very clear whether the rates as presented include or exclude supply charges or are solely distribution charges. Current, proposed and settlement rates must be presented consistently for all rate classes. The effect of the riders and adjustment charges should be set out separately.

d. Boilerplate language regarding the general utility of settlements is not a substitute for an explanation a party's support for the settlement.

e. Statements in support shall utilize a common outline, including headings and subheadings. Every party need not address every issue but should use the same headings.

5. That Parties taking a position on the revenue requirement must complete the Excel tables provided by email on February 5, 2024, and submit the tables along with the main briefs.

6. That each party shall include an appendix which sets forth a rate impact analysis for residential, commercial and industrial rate classes, which shall include 1) proposed monthly customer charges and percentage of increase from existing rates; and 2) proposed impact on the average customer bill in dollars and percentage of increase. Your presentation must be very clear whether the rates as presented include or exclude supply charges or are solely distribution charges. The effect of the riders and adjustment charges should be set out separately.

7. That the parties shall submit to the presiding ALJ one copy of briefs by email. The electronic version of a brief must be prepared in Microsoft Office Word format.

8. That if any party fails to follow these instructions in the smallest detail that party's position will not be considered, regardless of where the record may support it or the position of any other party to this proceeding.

9. That unless ordered otherwise, the record shall close on June 14, 2024.

Date: May 10, 2024

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/s/  
Mary D. Long  
Administrative Law Judge

**R-2023-3044549; C-2024-3045268; C-2024-3045385; C-2024-3045960; C-2024-3046069;  
C-2024-3046233; C-2024-3046469 - PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION v.  
THE PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY LLC**

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