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October 11, 2011

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Bldg.
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Jerome Fuhr
v.
UGI Penn Natural Gas, Inc.
Docket No. C-2011-2254311

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne E. Dusman".

Dianne E. Dusman
Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate
PA Attorney I.D. #38308

Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service
Office of Administrative Law Judge
Office of Special Assistants
Bureau of Technical Utility Services

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Jerome Fuhr :
v. : Docket No. C-2011-2254311
UGI Penn Natural Gas, Inc. :

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to 71 P.S. § 309-4 and 52 Pa. Code § 5.71(a)(1), the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notice, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,



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DATED: October 11, 2011

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file an Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving Jerome Fuhr's complaint concerning PNG's proposed rate changes and its failure to extend gas mains to his home.

On July 16, 2011, Mr. Fuhr filed a formal complaint with the Commission protesting UGI Penn Natural Gas's (PNG) proposed phase-out of the Gas Beyond the Mains (GBM) program. In his complaint, Mr. Fuhr stated that in the mid-1960's, Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co., now PNG, promised to supply natural gas to his building if he chose gas as his heating fuel. In response to PNG's proposed phase-out of GBM rates, Mr. Fuhr has requested that PNG continue to provide propane gas at natural gas rates until PNG extends mains to his building. Through its participation in this proceeding, the OCA seeks to ensure that the interests of Mr. Fuhr and other similarly situated customers are duly considered. In addition, the OCA will work to ensure that Mr. Fuhr's complaint is handled in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

JEROME FUHR :
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 v. : Docket No. C-2011-2254311
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 UGI PENN NATURAL GAS, INC. :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Intervention and Public Statement upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 11th day of October 2011.

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