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October 13, 2011

Honorable Charles E. Rainey, Jr. Chief Administrative Law Judge PA Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Bldg. 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re:

Kathleen Moran-Roberto, Docket No. C-2011-2251178

John Calafut, Docket No. C-2011-2253878 Jerome Fuhr, Docket No. C-2011-2254311 John Hennigan, Docket No. C-2011-2262771 Dolores Alar, Docket No. C-2011-2266076 Daniel Pope, Docket No. C-2011-2258722

V.

UGI Penn Natural Gas, Inc.

Dear Chief Judge Rainey:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Office of Consumer Advocate's Motion to Consolidate in the above-referenced proceeding. The original is being filed today with the Secretary's Office.

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

Sincerely yours,

Dianne E. Dusman

Senior Assistant Consumer Advocate

PA Attorney I.D. #38308

Enclosures

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Secretary's Office of the PUC

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

KATHLEEN MORAN-ROBERTO

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MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.81 and 5.103, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) hereby moves for the consolidation of the above-captioned matters. The OCA understands that all of these Complaints address similar facts and legal issues concerning PNG's failure to extend natural gas mains to Gas Beyond the Mains (GBM) customers. The OCA submits that the Commission should consolidate these Formal Complaints for purpose of administrative efficiency.

In support of this Motion to Consolidate Proceedings, the OCA submits the following:

Basis for Consolidation

- On May 24, 2011, PNG sent out notices to all GBM customers explaining proposed changes to PNG's propane service in its 1307(f) proceeding, docketed at R-2011-2238943. The letter informed GBM customers that PNG had proposed phasing GBM customers on to market based propane prices.
- 2. On June 24, 2011, Kathleen Moran-Roberto filed a formal complaint claiming that Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. (PGW), now PNG, had promised to extend gas mains to her home in the 1970's. Ms. Moran-Roberto is now requesting that PNG extend the mains as promised or continue to provide propane at the existing natural gas rates.
- 3. On July 16, 2011, Jerome Fuhr filed a formal complaint requesting that in the mid-1960's, PGW promised to extend mains up to his building. Mr. Fuhr's complaint seeks to have PNG continue to charge GBM rates until the mains are extended as promised.
- 4. On July 17, 2011, John Calafut filed a formal complaint stating that he originally had an agreement with PGW that if he installed a gas furnace PNG would "run a natural gas line up [his] road." Mr. Calafut's complaint requests that PNG either "install natural gas line up our road... or continue to sell propane gas at natural gas prices."
- On September 6, 2011, John Hennigan filed a formal complaint protesting PNG's proposed rate increase for GBM customers and requesting that PNG continue to charge GBM rates until PNG extends its mains as promised.
- 6. On September 28, 2011, Dolores Alar filed a formal complaint stating that in 1967 she installed a gas heat system in her home with the understanding that she would receive

propane gas at natural gas prices until PNG's predecessor, PGW, installed natural gas lines to her home. Ms. Alar's complaint requests that PNG continue to provide propane gas at natural gas prices until PNG runs a gas line to her property.

- 7. On August 19, 2011, Daniel Pope filed a formal complaint alleging that in 1966 PGW promised to provide propane at natural gas prices until PGW extended natural gas mains to Mr. Pope's home. Mr. Pope now requests that PNG continue to provide propane at natural gas prices until PNG extends natural gas service to his home.
- 8. The OCA understands that all of the above-captioned complainants request for PNG to extend natural gas mains to their properties as Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. promised in the 1960's and 1970's.
- 9. Consolidation here is appropriate because all of the Formal Complaints address similar issues concerning PNG's failure to provide main extensions to the above-captioned complainants.
- 10. The OCA believes that consolidation is appropriate here because consolidation would promote administrative efficiency in the resolution of these Formal Complaints.
- 11. In addition, consolidation of these Formal Complaints will provide for uniformity of action and organization for the Formal Complainants, the Commission, PNG, the OCA, and other interested parties as all attempt to resolve these matters in an orderly and timely fashion.
- 12. In a conversation with the undersigned on October 12, 2011, counsel for PNG advised that the Company has no objection to consolidation of these six cases.

WHEREFORE, OCA respectfully requests that the Commission consolidate the abovecaptioned Formal Complaints for the reasons discussed above.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PROPOSED ORDER		
AND NOW this day of October 2011, upon consideration of the OCA's Motion		
to Consolidate the above-captioned cases, said Motion is hereby GRANTED.		
It is hereby ORDERED that the above-captioned cases are consolidated for hearing,		
briefing, and adjudicating.		
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Motion to Consolidate 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 13th day of October 2011.

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