

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Orlando Rivera
v.
Philadelphia Gas Works

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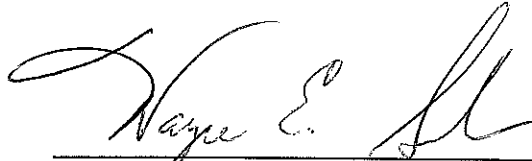
STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER WAYNE E. GARDNER

I agree with the Commission's disposition of the Exceptions filed by Orlando Rivera to the ALJ's Initial Decision.

However, I wish to emphasize to PGW and all of our natural gas distribution companies the importance of routinely monitoring all of their facilities to deter occurrences of theft of service. This includes dormant accounts. To the extent our utilities have not already done so, I strongly recommend that they establish an internal policy to effectively monitor dormant commercial and industrial accounts for unauthorized use. Theft of service not only hurts the companies and ratepayers financially, it poses a danger to the public at large due to the likelihood of gas leaks. I believe that under section 1501 of the Public Utility Code, our natural gas distribution companies have a duty to monitor their distribution facilities regardless of whether there is an active account attached to them.

January 12, 2012

Date



Wayne E. Gardner, Commissioner