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# VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Filing Room Harrisburg, PA 17120

> Re: Joint Application of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, Peoples TWP LLC, and Equitable Gas Company, LLC for All of the Authority and the Necessary Certificates of Public Convenience (1) to Transfer All of Issued and Outstanding Limited Liability Company Membership Interest of Equitable Gas Company, LLC to PNG Companies LLC, (2) to Merge Equitable Gas Company, LLC with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, (3) to Transfer Certain Storage and Transmission Assets of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC to Affiliates of EQT Corporation, (4) to Transfer Certain Assets between Equitable Gas Company, LLC and Affiliates of EQT Corporation, (5) for Approval of Certain Ownership Changes Associated with the Transaction, (6) for Approval of Certain Associated Gas Capacity and Supply Agreements, and (7) for Approval of Certain Changes in the Tariff of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC; Docket Nos.: A-2013-2353647, A-2013-2353649 and A-2013-2353651; PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is the Petition to Intervene of The Pennsylvania State University in the above-captioned docket. Copies of this Petition have been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service. Rosemary Chiavetta April 10, 2013 Page 2 of 2

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions related to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

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Thomas J. Sniscak

Counsel for The Pennsylvania State University

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cc: Per Certificate of Service

### BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Application of Peoples Natural Gas : Company LLC, Peoples TWP LLC, and Equitable Gas Company, LLC for All of the : Authority and the Necessary Certificates of Public Convenience (1) to Transfer All of the Issued and Outstanding Limited Liability Company Membership Interest of Equitable Gas Company, LLC to PNG Companies LLC, (2) to Merge Equitable Gas Company, LLC with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, (3) to : Transfer Certain Storage and Transmission Assets of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC to Affiliates of EQT Corporation, (4) to Transfer Certain Assets between Equitable Gas Company, LLC and Affiliates of EQT Corporation, (5) for Approval of Certain : Ownership Changes Associated with the Transaction, (6) for Approval of Certain Associated Gas Capacity and Supply Agreements, and (7) for Approval of Certain : Changes in the Tariff of Peoples Natural Gas : Company LLC.

Docket Nos. A-2013-2353647 A-2013-2353649 A-2013-2353651

### PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

NOW COMES The Pennsylvania State University ("PSU"), by and through its attorneys, Hawke McKeon & Sniscak LLP, and files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"). In support of its Petition, PSU avers as follows:

1. On or about March 18, 2013, PNG, its affiliate Peoples TWP, LLC ("TWP") and Equitable ("NGDC Petitioners") filed the above-captioned matters with the Commission seeking approval for PNG's and TWP's indirect affiliate(s) to acquire substantially all of Equitable, in

exchange for a monetary payment and the assignment of PNG's storage and deliverability facilities to Equitable's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") regulated affiliate.

2. Notice of the Joint Applicants' Application was published on March 30, 2013, in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. A deadline of April 15, 2013, was established by the Commission for the filing of Protests and Petitions to Intervene.

3. PSU seeks to intervene and participate as a full party in this proceeding, and requests that it be placed on the Commission's official Service List for this docket.

4. All correspondence and pleadings in this docket should be directed to PSU's counsel in this matter:

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5. Eligibility to intervene in Commission proceedings is governed by the Commission's regulations found at 52 Pa. Code § 5.72. The Commission's regulations provide that in order to have the ability to intervene, a party must have "a right or interest" sufficient to warrant intervention, which includes an interest that may be directly affected by the proceeding and which is not being adequately represented by existing participants, and where the petitioner may be bound by the actions of the Commission or where the right or interest is otherwise in the public interest. *Id.* 

6. PSU has such an interest. PSU is a customer of Peoples for natural gas service at two separate branch campuses, Penn State Altoona and Penn State New Kensington.

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7. As a large customer, PSU will be substantially and directly affected by any decision, final order, or settlement in this matter and will be bound thereby. Moreover, no other party can represent PSU's interest under these circumstances. Accordingly, PSU should be afforded full party status.

8. For the reasons stated above, PSU's intervention in this matter meets the intervention standards of 52 Pa. Code § 5.72, and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, it requests that this intervention be granted and that it be allowed full party status in this matter.

WHEREFORE, The Pennsylvania State University respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant it party status in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted by:

Since

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DATED: April 10, 2013

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the

parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service

by a party).

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