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To: Parties of Record

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Re: Philadelphia Gas Works' Revised Petition for Extraordinary Rate Relief;
Docket No. R-00017034F0002

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On February 25, 2002, Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) filed a Petition for Extraordinary Rate Relief, pursuant to Section 1308(e) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §1308(e). Section 1308(e) requires the issuance of a decision by the Commission within thirty days, and provides that in the absence of such an order, the Petition is deemed to be denied. Nevertheless, we note that PGW submitted a proposed litigation schedule with the Petition that would culminate in the announcement of a decision by the Commission by April 11, 2002. Because of PGW's voluntary extension of the Commission's timeframe for ruling on the Petition, the parties and the Commission have been afforded more time to review this matter than would normally be available under the statute. Therefore, the Petition will not be deemed denied absent the issuance of an order within thirty days.

To facilitate Commission action on the Petition at the Public Meeting scheduled for April 11, 2002, the Commission directs the certification of the record without a decision by the Office of Administrative Law Judge, pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code §5.531, and Section 335 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §335. Additionally, the parties are required to submit written memoranda to the Commission no later than Noon on April 3, 2002.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary

cc: Executive Director
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