

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility	:	
Commission	:	
v.	:	R-00061931
	:	R-00061931C0001 <u>et al</u>
Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
ORDER #2**

A Prehearing Conference in this case convened on Friday, February 23, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. This Order is a result of that prehearing conference.

The following parties appeared at the prehearing conference:

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- (1) Philadelphia Gas Works (“PGW” or “Company”) represented by Mr. Daniel Clearfield, Esquire and Mr. Greg Stunder, Esquire;
- (2) Philadelphia Housing Authority (“PHA”) represented by Mr. Philip Hinerman, Esquire and Ms. Jill Guldin, Esquire;
- (3) The School District of Philadelphia (“PSD”) represented by Mr. Miles Shore, Esquire;
- (4) Action Alliance of Senior Citizens of Greater Philadelphia (“Action Alliance”) and Tenant Union Representative Network (“TURN”) represented by Mr. Philip A. Bertocci, Esquire and Ms. Thu Tran, Esquire;
- (5) Hess Corporation (“Hess”) represented by Mr. John Povilaitis, Esquire;
- (6) The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) represented by Mr. Steven Gray, Esquire;

- (7) The Office of Trial Staff (“OTS”) represented by Mr. Richard Kanaskie, Esquire and Ms. Allison Kaster, Esquire;
- (8) Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Gas Users Group (“PICGUG”) represented by Ms. Charis Mincavage, Esquire;
- (9) The Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) represented by Ms. Christy Appleby, Esquire and Mr. Darryl Lawrence, Esquire;
- (10) Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (“IGS”) represented by Mr. Todd Stewart, Esquire;
- (11) PECO Energy Company represented by Ms. Shari Gribbin, Esquire;
- (12) Ms. Helen Richardson, Esquire appeared for observation purposes only;
- (13) The following pro se formal complainants also appeared:
  - (a) Ms. Cornelia Hester-Williams at Docket No. R-000061931C0007
  - (b) Mr. Russell Rossi at Docket No. R-00061931C0005

The Petitions to Intervene filed by Hess, PECO, PHA, PSD and IGS were approved without objection. The two (2) pro se formal complainants did not object to be treated as inactive parties as such status is outlined in the February 15, 2007 Prehearing Order at this docket. The OSBA’s request to have hearings held in Harrisburg was contested by PGW and Action Alliance. ALJ Fordham ruled the hearings will be held in Philadelphia.

The most time consuming issue of the conference was regarding the procedural schedule. PGW submitted a preferred procedural schedule to which the parties did not object.<sup>1</sup> PGW acknowledged that the Company’s preferred schedule required approval from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”) because it severely curtailed

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<sup>1</sup> The hearings for the preferred schedule were change to June 27 -29, 2007 from the week of July 9, 2007.

the consideration of the decision as well as augmented the length of time to schedule public input hearings. PGW also offered an alternative schedule in the event that its preferred schedule was not accepted. Both schedules are attached.

The preferred schedule proposed by PGW is rejected. This proceeding is of great importance to the ratepayers of Philadelphia as well as this Commission. This Commission requires all of its requisite time to deliberate a decision of this importance.

The PGW alternative I schedule is considered for final adoption. The Administrative Law Judges (“ALJs”) note that PGW stated it would also consider augmenting the suspension period through October 11, 2007.

The ALJs submit the following schedules for review by the parties. The final schedule will be the topic discussed at the next scheduled prehearing teleconference.

The following are proposed schedules to be considered. Those dates in bold are firm and cannot be adjusted.

	<u>Alt. I (PGW’s proposal)</u>	<u>Alt. II</u>
Public Inputs	<b>wk. of 3/26</b>	<b>wk. of 4/9</b>
Intervenor Direct	4/6 (may chg. Good Fri.)	tbd. <sup>2</sup>
Rebuttal	5/4	tbd.
Surrebuttal	5/15	tbd.
Hearings (live rejoinder)	<b>5/21-5/24</b>	wk. of 6/4
Close of Record	<b>5/25</b>	<b>6/8</b>
Main Briefs	6/11; 6/12* <sup>3</sup> (by 4:30 pm)	6/28* (by 4:30 pm)
Reply Briefs	6/18; 6/21* (by 4:30 pm)	7/26* (by 4:30 pm)
End of suspension	9/28	10/12

<sup>2</sup> “tbd” = to be decided.

<sup>3</sup> “\*” means this is the latest date this item can be considered due for scheduling purposes.

The parties are requested to come prepared to adopt a final procedural schedule based on the information contained in this order.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

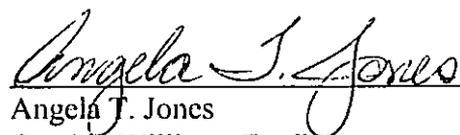
IT IS ORDERED:

1. That this proceeding shall be scheduled for a further telephonic prehearing conference on March 2, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Harrisburg or Philadelphia to be confirmed by electronic mail.

2. That the Petitions of Intervention filed by the following parties are approved: (1) Hess Corporation; (2) PECO Energy Company; (3) Philadelphia Housing Authority; (4) The School District of Philadelphia; and (5) Interstate Gas Supply.

3. That the following intervening parties are granted active status: (1) Hess Corporation; (2) PECO Energy Company; (3) Philadelphia Housing Authority; (4) The School District of Philadelphia; and (5) Interstate Gas Supply.

Date: February 26, 2007

  
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Angela J. Jones  
Cynthia Williams Fordham  
Administrative Law Judges

## Alternative Rate Case Schedules

### Preferred Option

(permitting notice of the public inputs in PGW bills.)

Filing	December 22
Public Input Hearing	Week of May 14
Intervenor Testimony	May 18
Rebuttal Testimony	June 12
Surrebuttal Testimony	June 22
Hearings	Week of July 9 (w/live rejoinder)
Main Briefs	July 27
Reply Briefs	August 8
Recommended Decision	September 10
Exceptions	September 17
Reply Exceptions	September 21
PUC Decision	October 11
PUC Order Entered	October 18
Compliance Tariff Filed	November 7
Exceptions/Reply Exceptions	November 22
PUC Approves CT	November 29
Rates in Effect	November 30

PUC will extend the suspension period until October 12

Alternative 1

Public Input Hearing	Week of March 26
Other Parties' Direct Testimony	April 6
Rebuttal Testimony	May 4
Surrebuttal Testimony	May 15
Hearings	May 21-25 (w/live rejoinder)
Close of Record	May 25
Main Briefs due	June 11
Reply Briefs due	June 18
PUC Decision	September 27

PGW will extent the suspension period to September 28th

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