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VIA E-FILING AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
2nd Floor, 1 North
400 North Street
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**Re: Complaints of Office of Consumer Advocate and Office of Small Business
Advocate re: Philadelphia Gas Works 2017-2018 Gas Cost Rate Filing;
Docket No. R-2017-2587526; C-2017-2589993; C-2017-2588484**

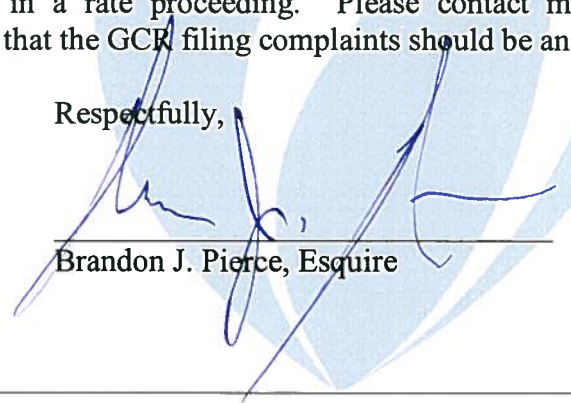
Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that, pursuant to 52 Pa Code § 5.61(d), this matter involves a rate proceeding and Philadelphia Gas Works ("PGW") will not be filing a formal answer to the complaints filed by the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") and the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA").

On February 1, 2017, PGW submitted pre-filed information in support of its annual reconciliation of its purchased gas cost rate ("GCR") filing. On or about March 1, 2017, PGW will submit its definitive GCR filing to the Commission pursuant to Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code at Docket No. R-2017-2587526. The OSBA filed a Formal Complaint regarding the GCR filing on February 13, 2016. The OCA filed a Formal Complaint on February 21, 2017.

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(d), PGW has elected to not answer the complaints filed against the GCR filing as it views them as complaints in a rate proceeding. Please contact me if the Commission takes a different view and believes that the GCR filing complaints should be answered.

Respectfully,



Brandon J. Pierce, Esquire

cc: Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of PGW's Letter to the Secretary regarding answering complaints upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54.

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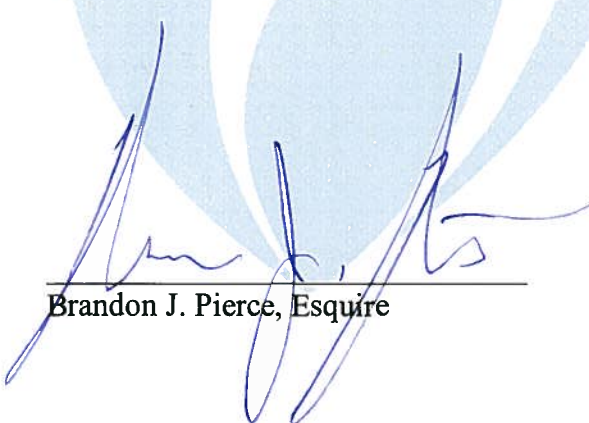
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