**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., *et al*. : C-2019-3013805

 : C-2019-3013806

 v. : C-2019-3013807

 : C-2019-3013808

Metropolitan Edison Company, :

Pennsylvania Electric Company, :

Pennsylvania Power Company and :

West Penn Power Company :

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER**

By Prehearing Conference Notice dated December 23, 2019, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission scheduled an In-Person Prehearing Conference for this matter for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in hearing room 5 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building in Harrisburg and assigned me as the Presiding Officer. In anticipation of that hearing, the parties shall comply with the following requirements:

1. That an in-person prehearing conference shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020 in Hearing Room 5 in the Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
2. That absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled prehearing conference. Failure of a party to participate in the conference, after being served with notice of the time thereof, without good case shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and an order or ruling with respect thereto.
3. That all parties shall review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, among other things, that “a party shall initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. All parties are urged to cooperate in discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§5.361, 5.371 – 5.372.
4. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 – 1.23, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall insure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa.Code § 1.24(b).
5. That you must serve me directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding. My address is:

Joel H. Cheskis

 Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

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 Harrisburg, PA 17120

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If you send me any correspondence or document, you must send a copy to all other parties. For your convenience, a copy of the Commission’s current service list of the parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order.

1. That parties shall review the regulations pertaining to prehearing conferences, in particular 52 Pa.Code §5.222(d), which provides that parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. The preparation should include, among other things, advance study of all relevant materials, and advance informal communication between the participants, including requests for additional data and information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.
2. That pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §1.55, each party shall be limited to one entry on the service list. Parties shall provide the name, business address, business telephone number and business e-mail address (if any) of the person they wish to have listed on the service list.
3. That on or before **Monday, January 27, 2020**, the parties shall serve me and each other with a Prehearing Conference Memorandum addressing:

a.) The information described in Paragraph 7, above.

b.) A statement regarding possible settlement of the case, subject to approval of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

c.) A proposed plan and schedule of discovery.

d.) A proposed schedule for litigation.

e.) Names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses the party expects to call and the subject matter of each witness’ testimony.

f.) A list of the issues and sub-issues of this proceeding which the party intends to address and a statement of the party’s position on each of the issues and sub-issues listed.

1. That parties serving pre-served testimony pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.412(f) shall be required, within thirty (30) days after the final hearing, to either eFile with or provide to the Secretary’s Bureau a Compact Disc (CD) containing all testimony furnished to the court reporter during the proceeding, consistent with the Commission’s Implementation Order, dated January 10, 2013, at Docket No. M-2012-2331973.
2. That a request for a change of the scheduled initial prehearing conference date shall state the agreement or opposition of other parties, and shall be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the initial prehearing conference. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for change must be sent to me with copies to all parties of record.

Date: December 26, 2019 /s/

 Joel H. Cheskis

 Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

**C-2019-3013805, C-2019-3013806, C-2019-3013807 AND C-2019-3013808 - INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY INC., ET AL v. METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY AND WEST PENN POWER COMPANY**

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