

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

Petition for Expedited Approval of PGW's  
Letter Request to Amend its Universal  
Service and Energy Conservation Plan  
Pursuant to the 2019 Amendments to the  
Policy Statement at Docket No. M-2019-  
3012599

Public Meeting April 30, 2020  
3018867-LAW  
Docket No. P-2020-3018867

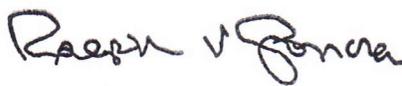
**JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR. AND  
COMMISSIONER RALPH V. YANORA**

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition are the Petitions for Reconsideration filed by the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA). These two Petitions were filed in response to our expedited approval of amendments to Philadelphia Gas Works' (PGW) Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan (USECP) on March 26, 2020. Answers to these Petitions were due April 20, 2020. PGW did not file an Answer to these Petitions, but has filed a Revised USECP pursuant to the March 26 Order.

In their Petitions for Reconsideration, both the OCA and OSBA assert that the Commission did not fully consider the due process rights of the parties to this proceeding. The OCA also noted that the Commission appears to have overlooked the USECP amendment review process it established for proposed amendments in a prior Commission Order<sup>1</sup>, and the normal USECP review process. Both the OCA and OSBA also raise a new issue regarding the impact of COVID-19 on these matters, which was not known at the time of the filing of PGW's proposal.

For the reasons identified in the Petitions, we find that both the OCA and OSBA have satisfied the standard of review for a Petition of Reconsideration.<sup>2</sup> However, given the time-sensitive nature of PGW's proposed implementation schedule, we find that it would be in the public interest to address the substantive merits of these Petitions now, at this Public Meeting, rather than delaying the matter for some future disposition as is proposed. We would therefore support the rescission of our Order of March 26, 2020, and the reassignment of the PGW Letter Petition to the Bureau of Consumer Services for stakeholder review, public comment, and any other action that may be necessary, including referral to the Office of Administrative Law Judge.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.**  
COMMISSIONER

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**RALPH V. YANORA**  
COMMISSIONER

**Date: April 30, 2020**

<sup>1</sup> 2019 Amendments to Policy Statement on Customer Assistance Programs, 52 Pa. Code §§ 69.261 - 69.267, Docket No. M-2019-3012599 (February 6, 2020)

<sup>2</sup> *Duick v. Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co.*, 56 Pa. P.U.C. 553 (1985).