



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 9, 2020

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division 1307(f)/  
Docket No. R-2020-3019680**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Complaint, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-captioned proceedings.

Copies will be served on all known parties in these proceedings, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

Steven C. Gray  
Senior Supervising  
Assistant Small Business Advocate  
Attorney I.D. No. 77538

*Enclosures*

cc: Robert D. Knecht / Brian Kalcic  
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

<b>Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission</b>	:	
	:	
v.	:	<b>Docket No. R-2020-3019680</b>
	:	
<b>UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division 1307(f)</b>	:	

**COMPLAINT OF THE  
SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

1. The Complainant is:

John R. Evans  
Small Business Advocate  
555 Walnut Street  
Forum Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
(717) 783-2525

2. The name and address of the Complainant's attorney is:

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3. The respondent utility is:

UGI Utilities, Inc.  
1 UGI Drive  
Denver, PA 17517

4. The Complainant is authorized and directed by the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50, to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).

5. On May 29, 2020, pursuant to Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1307(f), UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (“UGI Gas” or the “Company”) submitted the Company’s formal filing in support of its annual Purchased Gas Cost (“PGC”) rate filing.

6. Section 1318 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1318, provides that no rates of a natural gas distribution utility shall be deemed just and reasonable unless the Commission finds that the utility is pursuing a least cost fuel procurement policy, consistent with the obligation to provide safe, adequate and reliable service. The Commission must find, among other things, that the utility has (1) fully and vigorously represented ratepayer interests before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; (2) taken all prudent steps to negotiate favorable gas supply contracts and to relieve its obligations under contracts that may be adverse to ratepayer interests; (3) taken all reasonable steps to obtain lower cost gas supplies; and (4) not withheld or caused to be withheld gas supplies that should have been utilized as part of a least cost fuel procurement policy. 66 Pa. C.S. § 1318(a).

7. The OSBA files this Formal Complaint to ensure that the Company’s purchased gas cost rates are consistent with a least cost fuel procurement policy and do not result in rates and charges that are excessive, unjust or unreasonable, discriminatory or otherwise contrary to Commission regulation or policy.

8. In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

- a. Hold evidentiary hearings in accordance with Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code;
- b. Deny any rate changes which are not the result of a least cost fuel procurement policy as defined by the standards set forth in Section 1318 of the Public Utility Code, and as defined by other applicable ratemaking standards;
- c. Ensure that the Company's small business customers are not allocated any costs that should not be borne by them;
- d. Deny any rate change that is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or contrary to sound ratemaking principles; and
- e. Grant such other relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF  
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by his initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a complaint against the annual Purchased Gas Cost (“PGC”) rate filing of UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (“UGI Gas” or the “Company”).

The Small Business Advocate files this formal complaint against the Company’s PGC filing to protect the interests of the Company’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all the elements of the Company’s PGC filing is necessary to ensure that the utility is pursuing a least cost fuel procurement policy, consistent with the obligation to provide safe, adequate and reliable service.

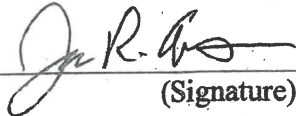
In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Commission to investigate the reasonableness of the rates in the Company's PGC filing. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny any rate increase or other changes in the Company's present tariffs that apply to small business customers that are not proven by UGI Gas to be lawful, just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory.

Dated: June 9, 2020

**VERIFICATION**

I, John R. Evans, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 06/09/20

  
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(Signature)



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