

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

**PA PUC ET AL  
VS  
UGI UTILITIES INC - GAS DIVISION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE**

Before the Commission is the Joint Settlement (Settlement) filed in UGI Utilities, Inc. Gas Division's (UGI or the Company's) purchased gas cost (PGC) proceeding. As I have done in previous proceedings before this Commission, I offer this statement to highlight and applaud the inclusion of a Renewable Gas Pilot Program (RNG Pilot) in UGI's initial filing and this PGC Settlement.

The RNG industry remains in its youth, continuing to show signs of growth and interest throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. As such, it is in the public interest for natural gas distribution companies (NGDCs) to avail themselves knowledge and experience in this arena through prudently implemented tariffs and procurements. Here, the settling parties have agreed to an RNG Pilot whereby UGI will purchase a set amount of RNG and associated credit attributes, otherwise called Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs), sourced from the Keystone Landfill in Dunmore Pennsylvania. RINs are qualified and tracked under criteria set by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and can be considered 'akin' to the alternative energy credits used to track the attributes of qualifying sources of electricity.

UGI will unbundle the RINs from the commodity and securitize them for sale to interested third parties. While the sale of the RINs will reduce or potentially eliminate any claim UGI can make to the environmental attributes associated with the RNG purchases, it will have the benefit of creating revenues used to offset any price premiums realized.

While I believe it is preferential to have the utility retain the environmental attributes of RNG purchases, of most importance is UGI's entrance into the RNG marketplace and the information it will learn from this experience. The settlement includes provisions mandating that UGI track and report the following:

- Daily quantities of RNG purchased,
- PGC rate impact of RNG purchases,
- The British Thermal Unit content of RNG purchases, and
- The RIN sales activity including volumes sold and prices.

I commend UGI and the parties for these Settlement provisions.



**October 7, 2021**  
**Date**

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**Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman**