

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held April 14, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman
John F. Coleman, Jr., Vice Chairman
Ralph V. Yanora

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
v.
PECO Energy Company

Docket Number:
R-2022-3031113

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 31, 2022, PECO Energy Company (PECO Energy), Utility Code 122300, filed Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 5 (Tariff No. 5) to become effective May 30, 2022. Tariff No. 5 contains proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce an increase of approximately \$81.2 million (9.1%) in additional annual distribution revenue. The Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint on April 4, 2022.

PECO Energy stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary due to its continued substantial investments in new and replacement gas utility plant. PECO projects that it will need to invest approximately \$1.8 billion in new and replacement gas utility plant between January 2022 and December 2023.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until December 30, 2022, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing, and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of the Respondent's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed PECO Tariff Gas-PA. P.U.C. No. 5.

2. That the proposed PECO Tariff Gas-PA. P.U.C. No. 5 will be suspended by operation of law until December 30, 2022, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of PECO Energy Company's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon the PECO Energy Company, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rosemary Chiavetta".

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 14, 2022

ORDER ENTERED: April 14, 2022

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. _____ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. _____

(COMPANY'S NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____ (and voluntarily postponed to become effective _____, is hereby suspended until _____, at Docket No. _____). Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.

Issued:

Issued in compliance with

Title 66 PA C.