

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

Public Meeting held June 16, 2022

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
v.
Valley Energy, Inc.

Docket Number:
R-2022-3032300

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 29, 2022, Valley Energy, Inc. (Valley Energy), Utility Code 125100, filed Supplement No. 59 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 (Supplement No. 59). Supplement No. 59 contains proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce an overall rate increase of \$999,631 (11.8%) in approximate additional annual total revenues, resulting in a total bill for a typical residential customer using 76 Ccf increasing from \$65.35 to \$72.57 per month or about 11%. Valley Energy proposes Supplement No. 59 to become effective on June 28, 2022. Valley Energy also filed Supplement No. 2 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 1S (Supplement No. 2) to make modifications to its Supplier Tariff. Formal complaints were filed on May 12, 2022, by

the Office of Small Business Advocate and on May 19, 2022, by the Office of Consumer Advocate.

Valley Energy stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary due to the ongoing replacement of its aging infrastructure and to account for the rise in costs in its Operations and Maintenance expenses.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until January 28, 2023, 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 Valley Energy'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 Supplement No. 59 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 2.
2. 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 Supplement No. 2 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 1S.

3. That the proposed Supplement No. 59 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 and Supplement No. 2 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 1S are suspended by operation of law until January 28, 2023, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

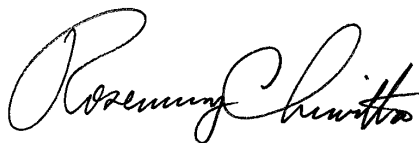
4. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed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

5. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Valley Energy, Inc.'s existing rates, rules, and regulations.

6. 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.

7. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Valley Energy, Inc., 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 supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta", written in a cursive style.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: June 16, 2022

ORDER ENTERED: June 16, 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.S.