

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

Public Meeting held September 15, 2022

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission  
v.  
Philadelphia Gas Works

Docket Numbers:  
R-2022-3034229  
P-2022-3034264

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On August 2, 2022, Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW), Utility Code 125042, filed Supplement No. 152 to Gas Service Tariff - Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 to become effective October 1, 2022, and a Petition for Approval on Less than Statutory Notice of Tariff Supplement Revising Weather Normalization Adjustment. The tariff supplement proposed changes would add a control cap to PGW's Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) Clause so that its customers would not be billed a WNA charge or credit greater than 25% of total delivery charge excluding the WNA.

PGW submitted that the factor driving the proposed tariff revision was a large WNA charge on many PGW bills for mid to late May 2022 usage. PGW stated that it desires to put the cap in place as soon as possible and therefore, it is requesting the Commission approve the change on less than statutory notice.

On August 22, 2022, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed an Answer to the filings. The OCA stated that PGW did not provide evidence as to how it determined that a 25% cap was the appropriate level of protection for customers. The OCA also stated that the only reasonable approach is to suspend the WNA mechanism until a revised formula, free from its current defects, can be developed.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(b), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until April 1, 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 PGW'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. 152 to Gas Service Tariff - Pa. P.U.C. No. 2.

2. That the proposed Supplement No. 152 to Gas Service Tariff - Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 is suspended by operation of law until April 1, 2023, 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 the Philadelphia Gas Works' existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That this case and the associated Petition at Docket No. P-2022-3034264 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 Philadelphia Gas Works, 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: September 15, 2022

ORDER ENTERED: September 15, 2022

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

(COMPANY'S NAME)

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(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.