

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

Public Meeting held March 2, 2023

Commissioners Present:

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman
Stephen M. DeFrank, Vice Chairman
Ralph V. Yanora
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission

Docket Number:
R-2022-3037368

v.

UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 27, 2023, UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division (UGI Electric), Utility Code 111100, filed proposed Supplement No. 51 to UGI Electric Tariff Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 and proposed Supplement No. 7 to UGI Electric Tariff Pa. P.U.C. No. 2S to become effective March 28, 2023. The filing contains proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$11.4 million (7.5%) in additional annual revenues, an increase in residential customer's bills using 1,000 kWh's from \$192.73 to \$209.96/month (8.9%).

On February 3, 2023, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Formal Complaint. On February 8, 2023, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed a Formal Complaint. Various oppositions were also filed.

UGI Electric stated that the need for the requested increase in its base rates is to allow UGI Electric to earn a fair return on investments that are used and useful to serve the public safely and reliably, to obtain additional financial support for ongoing Commission-approved infrastructure replacement programs that are designed to enhance safety and reliability and for enhanced information technology systems, and to recover higher levels of operating expenses that are necessary for the provision of safe and reliable electric distribution service.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until October 28, 2023, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of the proposed tariff filings 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 UGI Electric'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. 51 to UGI Electric Tariff Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 and proposed Supplement No. 7 to UGI Electric Tariff Pa. P.U.C. No. 2S.

2. That the proposed Supplement No. 51 to UGI Electric Tariff Pa. P.U.C. No. 6 and proposed Supplement No. 7 to UGI Electric Tariff Pa. P.U.C. No. 2S are suspended by operation of law until October 28, 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 Tariffs are 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 UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division '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 UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division, 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 supplements.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta".

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: March 2, 2023

ORDER ENTERED: March 2, 2023

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.