

August 15, 2023

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

> Re: Petition of Philadelphia Gas Works for Approval of Demand Side Management Plan for FY 2024-2026, 52 Pa. Code § 62.4 – Request for Waivers

Docket P-2014-245936

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the **Prehearing Memorandum of Tenant Union Representative Network (TURN)** in the above referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniela E. Rakhlina-Powsner

Daniela E. Rakhlina-Powsner *Counsel for TURN* 

Enc.

Cc: Certificate of Service

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the Prehearing Memorandum of Tenant Union Representative Network (TURN) and upon the persons listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §1.54.

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## Prehearing Memorandum of Tenant Union Representative Network

The Tenant Union Representative Network ("TURN"), through its counsel Community Legal Services, Inc., hereby submits the following Prehearing Memorandum pursuant to the Prehearing Conference Order of August 3, 2023.

## I. Background

On June 16, 2023, Philadelphia Gas Works ("PGW") filed a Demand-Side Management Program ("DSM") Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 (hereinafter "Proposed DSM IV"). PGW filed this Proposed DSM IV at Docket No. P2014-2459362. PGW's prior DSM Plans for 2016-2020 and 2021-2023 were also reviewed and approved at this docket.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, TURN filed a petition to intervene, stating that the subject matter of PGW's DSM IV is critical to the low- and moderate-income members of TURN who are PGW residential customers and/or rely on PGW natural gas service, and who stand to benefit from a robust suite of energy efficiency programs that can effectively reduce household consumption and ultimately make gas bills more affordable.

On August 3, 2023, Administrative Law Judge F. Joseph Brady issued a Prehearing Order directing that Prehearing Memoranda be submitted on or before noon on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. TURN submits this Prehearing Memorandum pursuant to that Order.

## II. Identification of Issues

TURN has reviewed PGW's filing and has preliminarily identified the following issues:

1) Whether the suite of proposed energy efficiency programs can effectively reduce household consumption;

2) Whether energy efficiency measures will be easily available to low-income Philadelphia tenants, some of whom may reside in multi-family dwellings where PGW has proposed to curtail offerings;

3) Whether the utilization of rebates and incentives for new gas appliances contributes to the City of Philadelphia's carbon neutrality goals and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

4) Whether the energy efficiency measures and/or rebates contribute to consumer health and safety; and

5) Whether PGW's proposed DSM IV Plan and associated cost recovery is just and reasonable.

TURN anticipates that other issues may come up during the course of the proceeding and reserves the right to examine any other issues that arise.

#### **III.** Witnesses and Testimony

TURN has not yet identified a witness for this proceeding. TURN reserves the right to call witnesses as may be warranted upon proper notice to the Commission and the parties.

#### **IV.** Service on TURN

Electronic copies of all documents should be served on TURN as follows:

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## V. Discovery

TURN will work with the parties to develop a proposed plan and schedule of discovery that supports the prompt and robust exchange of all relevant information.

# VI. Settlement

TURN is willing and ready to engage in settlement discussions in an attempt to resolve or narrow the issues in this proceeding, with any and all parties. TURN anticipates engaging in settlement discussions early in this proceeding.

## VII. Schedule

TURN is prepared to work with Your Honor and the parties to establish a reasonable litigation schedule. The schedule should provide adequate time and opportunity for a thorough analysis of PGW's filing, PGW and non-PGW testimony and discovery requests. Respectfully submitted,

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