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## **Via Electronic Filing**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary PA Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Philadelphia Gas Works Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan for 2023-2027

Submitted in Compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 62.4, Docket No. M-2021-3029323

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 10 of the Order entered January 12, 2023 in the above-referenced matter, enclosed for electronic filing please find Philadelphia Gas Works' ("PGW") annual update to its Consumer Education and Outreach Plan, including clean and redline versions. Copies to be served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Is/ Lauren M. Burge

Lauren M. Burge Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service (w/enc)

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of PGW's Annual Update upon the persons

listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section

1.54.

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# **Appendix G: Consumer Education and Outreach Plan**



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## Target Audience(s):

- All Philadelphia residents.
- Income eligible Philadelphia residents in the following zip codes: 19104, 19120, 19121, 19122, 19124, 19132, 19133, 19134, 19139, 19140, 19141, 19145, 19148, 19144,.
- Income Eligible Seniors (Age 65 and older).
- Income Eligible non-English speaking or English as a second language (ESL) customers. Primarily Spanish and Simple Chinese. PGW intends to include Russian and French in 2023.
- Customers who are at risk of homelessness and/or experiencing rehousing.
- Relevant stakeholders (anchor organizations, elected officials, Neighborhood Advisory Committees). Anchor organizations are community groups within the aforementioned zip codes.
- PGW Customers identified at 50% of the Federal Poverty Line (FPL) of below.

PGW will specifically target the following external organizations:

HACE, Hunting Park NAC, New Kensington CDC, Parkside NAC, People's Emergency Center, South Kensington NAC, Southwest CDC, Enterprise CDC, Nueva Esperanza, Nicetown CDC, Allegheny West Foundation, Universal Companies, United Communities, ACHIEVEability, Mt. Vernon Manor CDC, Brewerytown Sharswood NAC, Strawberry Mansion, APM, Frankford CDC, GPASS, Whitman Council.

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#### **Utilize diverse communications tools:**

- Community Outreach In-person events and virtual sessions
- Community Partnerships
- Email Newsletters and social media toolkits
- Mass Media Campaigns (Print, Television, Radio, Outdoor and Social & Digital Media)
- Outbound Calls
- Direct Mail
- PGWorks Website

#### **Direct Contact**

- Mailings- PGW conducts multiple direct mailing campaigns annually to encourage income-eligible customers to apply for CRP, UESF, LIHEAP and Crisis. This process entails sending both letters and/or postcards to potentially eligible customers to inform them about the benefits of each program and how to apply.
- Outbound Calls- PGW also utilizes outbound calls to perform direct outreach. These calls consist of
  providing information about eligibility, as well as how to apply. The outbound call function also
  provides customers with the ability to request an application be mailed directly to their home.
- Bill Inserts- In addition to letters, PGW also dedicates space in its monthly newsletter, The Good
  Gas News, to perform outreach to customers. These communications include promoting CRP as
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#### **Mass Media Campaigns**

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community newspapers. Much of the advertising is targeted to communities that have the highest
density of customers who can benefit from PGW's programs. In addition, PGW also promotes its
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#### **Community Outreach**

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  - In Fiscal Year 2023, PGW attended 141 table events, 15 speaking events, and conducted 4 presentations.
- Partnerships- PGW has developed partnerships with local city officials, low-income advocates, and
  other external stakeholders such as Neighborhood Advisory Committees to increase awareness of
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- PGW will collaborate with schools, faith-based institutions and local grass roots organizations to increase visibility through in person interaction to increase awareness to our targeted demographics.
- PGW will collaborate with organizations that focus on homelessness prevention and rehousing.
- Workshops/Presentations- Annually, PGW offers approximately 100 educational workshops to its
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