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Via Electronic Mail

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

Re:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v. Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC. Docket No M-2023-3024990

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to the Commission Order entered in the above-captioned matter on February 1, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate submits this letter in lieu of comments to the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement. Please allow this letter to serve as notice that the Office of Consumer Advocate will investigate whether Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC has made any rate claims resulting from the over-pressurization event that occurred on April 29, 2020 in its pending base rate case at Docket No. R-2023-3044549. The Office of Consumer Advocate will examine issues that include, but are not limited to, whether Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC has proposed any related recovery of distribution plant in its rate case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement		
V.	:	Docket No. M-2023-3024990
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	
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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following documents, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Letter In Lieu of Comments, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below. This document was filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system. Dated this 8th day of March 2024.

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