



March 25, 2024

To: All Parties of Record at Docket No. M-2021-3024935
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's 2022-2026 USECP

**RE: National Fuel Gas Distribution Company's PIP Implementation Update for
its 2022-2026 Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan**

Overview

On December 22, 2022, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) entered an Order (December 2022 Order) directing National Fuel Gas Distribution Company (NFG) to, *inter alia*, file and serve a letter within nine months from the date of the Order identifying a specified date for implementation of a percent of income payment (PIP) design for its customer assistance program (CAP). The Commission also approved NFG's request to propose a new name for its CAP, which is currently called the "Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program. The Commission directed NFG to include its new CAP name in its revised USECP, which must be filed within three months of the PIP implementation date. December 2022 Order at 8-9, OP#2.

On September 21, 2023, NFG filed a letter (September Letter) indicating that its PIP CAP implementation date will be June 3, 2024. September Letter at 1.


On March 4, 2024, NFG filed a letter (March Letter) indicating that it would be ready to implement its PIP ahead of this schedule, likely in April 2024. NFG reports that the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate were consulted and have no objection to this change. NFG also reports that the name of its CAP will change from "LIRA" to "CAP" with the transition to a PIP and will be included in its forthcoming Revised USECP. March Letter at 1-2.

Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commissions' Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) finds NFG's notification of its updated PIP implementation date and CAP name change to be consistent with the Commission's December 2022 Order.

If you have any questions, please contact BCS Energy Policy Analyst Norma Bowman at nobowman@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



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