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BUREAU OF
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April 5, 2024

Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v.
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC – 1307(f)
Docket No. R-2024-3045945
I&E Prehearing Memorandum

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Prehearing Memorandum of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies are being served on parties of record per the attached Certificate of Service. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carrie B. Wright'.

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cc: Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale (*via email*)
Per Certificate of Service

I. INTRODUCTION

On March 1, 2024, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples Natural Gas, PNG, or Company) submitted its pre-filing information in support of its annual reconciliation of purchased gas costs rates. On April 1, 2024, Peoples Natural Gas submitted its annual Purchased Gas Cost Rate filing pursuant to 66 Pa. C. S. §1307(f), including supporting testimony.

I&E entered its appearance on April 1, 2024. A prehearing conference is scheduled for Monday April 8, 2024, at 9 a.m. with Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale presiding. I&E submits this Memorandum in compliance with the Prehearing Conference Order dated March 29, 2024.

II. ISSUES

The following list represents I&E's preliminary determination of the potential issues in this case:

- 1) Unaccounted for Gas
- 2) Retainage Rate
- 3) Capacity Release
- 4) Peak Day Forecasts
- 5) Voluntary Energy Reduction Program
- 6) E-factor Calculation
- 7) Interest rate calculation for over/under collections
- 8) Supplier Refunds
- 9) Pipeline Penalty Credits

The list is as complete as can be made at this time. I&E reserves the right to address other issues, as it deems appropriate if any such relevant issues arise.

III. WITNESSES

I&E expects to call the following expert witnesses at these dockets without being limited thereto:

- Ethan Cline, Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer
- Anthony Spadaccio, Fixed Utility Financial Analyst Supervisor

I&E witnesses may be contacted through the information listed above for Ms. Wright. The witness list is provided without the benefit of complete discovery or analysis of the positions of other parties to this proceeding. Accordingly, I&E reserves the right to call additional witnesses or withdraw the names of the witnesses listed above.

IV. EVIDENCE

I&E expects to present all written direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony and accompanying exhibits at the evidentiary hearing. Moreover, I&E intends to rely on the Company's filing, answers to data requests and interrogatories, annual reports and other documents submitted to the Commission, other relevant Commission filings, any other relevant Commonwealth agency letters or reports, general financial market information sources and other public documents and reports. However, there may be issues of Commission policy or legal representation that are not properly the subject of testimony or there may be factual issues that are clear on the record and need not be supported by testimony. I&E reserves the right to dispense with testimony, when, in its opinion, an issue can be adequately addressed through briefing.

V. DISCOVERY

Due to the time limitations in the proceedings, I&E requests that the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure for the conduct of discovery be modified as follows:

- 1) Answers to written interrogatories shall be served in-hand within ten (10) calendar days of service.
- 2) Objections to interrogatories shall be communicated orally to the opposing party within three (3) calendar days of service; unresolved objections shall be served to the other party in writing within seven (7) days of service of interrogatories.
- 3) Motion to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories shall be filed within five (5) calendar days of service of written objections.
- 4) Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories shall be filed within five (5) calendar days of service of such motions.
- 5) Discovery or discovery-related pleadings served after 12:00 noon on a Friday or after 12:00 p.m. on any business day preceding a state holiday will be deemed to be served on the next business day.

VI. SCHEDULE

I&E is committed to cooperating with all parties and with Judge Dunderdale to finalize an acceptable procedural schedule.

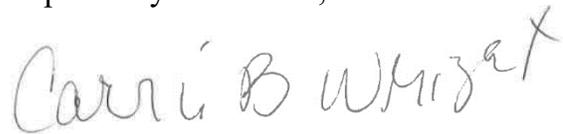
VII. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

For purposes of satisfying in-hand requirements for discovery responses, prepared testimony and briefs, I&E proposes to both only serve and accept electronic delivery of documents. If ALJ Dunderdale and/ or any party prefers to have additional service (or “hard copies”) of documents by mail, I&E will certainly provide such service.

VIII. SETTLEMENT

I&E intends to participate in any settlement discussions and is willing to work with the parties to reach a resolution of any or all issues. In the event settlement discussions fail to result in a complete resolution of the matter, I&E is prepared to fully or partially litigate this proceeding as warranted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Dated: April 5, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am serving the foregoing **Prehearing Memorandum** dated April 5, 2024, in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

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