

On March 29, 2024, the Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale (the “ALJ”) issued a Prehearing Order, scheduling a Prehearing Conference in this matter for April 8, 2024, and requiring Prehearing Memorandums to be submitted by all parties on or before 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2024.

On April 1, 2024, Peoples filed its unnumbered and undated Supplement to Tariff Gas – PA PUC No. 47 for its Peoples Natural Gas Division (“PNGD”) and Retail Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 for its Peoples Gas Division (“PGD”), along with additional supporting data, exhibits, and the written direct testimony of the four witnesses listed below. The Tariff Supplement set forth the specific rates proposed by Peoples for recovery of purchases gas costs effective on October 1, 2024.

Also on April 1, 2024, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On April 2, 2024, the Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association (“PIOGA”) filed a Petition to Intervene.

Peoples herein files this Prehearing Conference Memorandum in anticipation of the Prehearing Conference.

II. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

Peoples requests that Anthony D. Kanagy, Nicholas A. Stobbe, and Meagan Moore be listed on the service list on behalf of the Company. Their contact information is provided below:

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Mr. Stobbe will be the primary attorney speaking on behalf of Peoples for the purposes of the Prehearing Conference. Peoples agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. Further, to the extent that materials are available electronically, it is requested that copies be served upon Andrew P. Wachter at Andrew.Wachter@peoples-gas.com, and Carol A. Scanlon at Carol.Scanlon@peoples-gas.com.

III. WITNESSES AND ISSUES

Below is a list of the witnesses that Peoples intends to call in this proceeding and the subject areas of their testimony. Further definition of the issues will be developed by the parties during the course of this proceeding. Peoples reserves the right to call additional witnesses, present testimony, or both on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Statement</u>	<u>General Subject Matter</u>
Carol A. Scanlon Manager, Rates PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Peoples Natural Gas St. No. 1	Overview; Filing Requirements; FERC Activities; AVC Capacity Blending Proposal; Settlement Update; Anticipated Audit Findings; and Retainage.

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Peoples Natural
Gas St. No. 2

Gas Procurement Policy and
Supply Planning; Interstate
Pipeline Transportation and
Storage Capacity Portfolio;
Natural Gas Supply Portfolio;
Capacity Releases; Off System
Sales; Purchases from Affiliates;
Shut-In Practices and Policies;
Operational Flow Orders and
Overruns; Renegotiations of
Contracts; and System Average
BTU Value.

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Waiver or Retainage Discounts;
Design Day Study and
Requirements; Proposed Tariff
Changes; Over/Under
Collections; PGC information;
and Calculation of PGC Rates,
Including AVC Charges and
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Unaccounted for Gas; and
Producer Retainage Charges.

Ms. Scanlon's direct testimony also identifies the sponsoring witnesses for Peoples' exhibits.

Peoples may amend its pre-filed statements and exhibits, as appropriate, during the course of this proceeding, based upon more recent information, as such information becomes available. Such update(s) will reflect changes in information relevant to the determination of the proper level of PGC recovery rates to become effective October 1, 2024.

IV. DISCOVERY

Peoples understands that I&E is proposing discovery modifications in this proceeding. Peoples does not oppose those modifications. Peoples has received discovery from other parties and is working to answer the same. Peoples is not aware of any outstanding discovery disputes. Peoples is willing to work with the parties, through informal discovery, to expedite discovery. The protection of confidential information is addressed in Section VII., below.

V. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Peoples proposes the following Procedural Schedule in this proceeding:

Prehearing Conference - April 8, 2024

Direct Testimony of Parties other than Peoples – April 26, 2024

Rebuttal Testimony – May 10, 2024

Surrebuttal Testimony – May 17, 2024

Witness lists and Oral Rejoinder Outlines - May 22, 2024

Evidentiary Hearings – May 23-24, 2024

Main Briefs – June 7, 2024

Reply Briefs – June 18, 2024

Peoples has provided the above-schedule proposal to all parties for consideration but, as of the date of this memorandum, is unaware of other parties' position on the same.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

Peoples is not aware of any substantial consumer interest with respect to the proposed rate change. Peoples does not propose that any public input hearings be held absent substantial public interest in the filing.

VII. PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Peoples will submit a Motion for Protective Order for consideration by the ALJ. Peoples will seek the concurrence of the other parties as to the form of the Protective Order before submitting the Motion.

VIII. SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

To date, no settlement discussions have been held. However, Peoples will be working with the parties in an effort to resolve these proceedings through settlement.

Respectfully submitted,



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