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April 11, 2024

To: All Parties of Record at Docket Nos. R-2022-3037368, P-2020-3019196, M-2019-3014966, and M-2017-2598190 UGI Utilities, Inc. Revised 2020-2025 USECP

RE: UGI Utilities, Inc. Revised Joint 2020-2025 Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan

Overview

On September 21, 2023, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) entered an Order (September 2023 Order) at Docket No. R-2022-3037368, *et al.* which, *inter alia*, approved the terms and conditions of the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement of All Issues (July 2023 Settlement) filed July 14, 2023 in UGI Utilities, Inc. – Electric Division's (UGI Electric's) 2023 Base Rate Case. The July 2023 Settlement included, *inter alia*, changes to UGI Electric's universal service and energy conservation programs. September 2023 Order at 2, OP#2; July 2023 Settlement at 12-17.

The universal service changes in the July 2023 Settlement included:

- Expanded income eligibility for Operation Share from 200% to 250%.¹
- Increased UGI Electric's Operation Share annual contributions to \$30,000 and maximum grant amount to \$600.
- Agreement to issue a Request for Proposal seeking additional LIURP resources, including CBOs, to perform an additional 20 baseload and 10 heating jobs annually.
- Expanded LIURP baseload job access to customers with incomes between 151% and-200% of the FPIG.
- Solicitation of customers for CAP enrollment if they report they are low income.
- Interim pilot for auto-enrolling customers into CAP if they received LIHEAP and are not enrolled with a supplier.

On March 4, 2024, UGI Electric filed clean and redline versions of a proposed revised Joint 2020-2025 Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan (Proposed Revised 2020 USECP) incorporating the universal service changes approved through the September 2023 Order.² To date, no protests or other responsive pleadings have been filed relative to the Proposed Revised 2020 USECP.

¹ Operation Share is the hardship fund program for UGI Electric and UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (UGI Gas). The change in Operation Share eligibility applies to both UGI Electric and UGI Gas customers,

² See Proposed Revised 2020 USECP (clean version) at 4-5, 7-9, 14-15, 17-20, 24, 33-34.

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The Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) reviewed UGI Electric's Proposed Revised 2020 USECP and finds the proposed changes consistent with the universal service provisions in the July 2023 Settlement which were approved in the September 2023 Order.

Conclusion

Accordingly, BCS finds UGI Electric's Proposed Revised 2020 USECP to be compliant with the September 2023 Order by incorporating the universal service provisions of the July 2023 Settlement. Parties have the right to seek reconsideration of this staff action. These staff determinations relative to the review of the Proposed Revised 2020 USECP will be deemed to be the final action of the Commission unless reconsideration is sought from the Commission within 20 days after service of this Secretarial Letter. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 5.44 (relating to petitions for appeal from actions of the staff).

If you have any questions, please contact BCS Energy Policy Analyst Nathan Froehlich at <u>nfroehlich@pa.gov</u>.

Sincerely

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