

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2024-3045966
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Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2024-3047054
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2024-3046382
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v.	:	
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Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

PREHEARING ORDER # 2

On February 1, 2024, Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW or Company) filed its pre-filing information required for its 2024-2025 Gas Cost Rate (GCR) Filing. PGW indicated that it would submit its annual GCR filing on or before March 1, 2024.

On February 13, 2024, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Complaint, Public Statement, and Verification with the Commission. The Complaint was docketed at C-2024-3046382. Also on February 13, 2024, Sharon E. Webb, Esq. entered a Notice of Appearance on behalf of OSBA.

On February 15, 2024, the Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Users Group (PICGUG) filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding.

On March 1, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Formal Complaint, Public Statement and Verification with the Commission. The Complaint was docketed at C-2024-3047054. Also on March 1, 2024, Christine M. Hoover, Esq. and Melanie El Atieh, Esq. entered a Notice of Appearance on behalf of OCA.

On March 1, 2024, PGW filed its 2024-2025 GCR filing with the Commission. PGW's 2024-2025 GCR filing was docketed at R-2024-3045966. The GCR filing was assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for resolution by hearings and for issuance of a Recommended Decision. The matter was assigned to me.

On March 4, 2024, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued informing the participants that a Prehearing Conference was scheduled for March 11, 2024.

A Prehearing Conference in this matter was held on March 11, 2024. Counsel for PGW, I&E, OCA, OSBA and PICGUG participated.

At the March 11, 2024, Prehearing Conference, PICGUG's Petition to intervene was granted. In addition, the parties agreed to a proposed litigation schedule and discovery modifications.

On March 14, 2024, I issued Prehearing Order #1 adopting the parties' proposed litigation schedule and discovery modifications.

On or about April 18, 2024, I was informed that the parties had reached a full settlement in principle of all the issues raised in this case. In addition, the parties requested that the evidentiary hearings scheduled for April 30, 2024, and May 1, 2024, be cancelled. By email dated April 18, 2024, I acknowledged the notification of a full settlement and responded to the request for cancellation of the hearings scheduled for April 30, 2024, and May 1, 2024.

This Order memorializes my ruling on the request to cancel the evidentiary hearings and the impact of the ruling on the litigation schedule for this matter.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the litigation schedule established in Prehearing Order # 1 issued on March 14, 2024, is suspended to permit the parties to finalize the terms of a Settlement Agreement documenting their resolution all the issues that led to the filing of the GCR Filing and the Complaints filed by OCA and OSBA at the above-referenced docket numbers.

2. That the parties are directed to file the Settlement Agreement documenting their resolution of all the issues arising out of the GCR Filing and the Complaints filed by OCA and OSBA at the above-referenced docket numbers on or before Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

3. That the parties are directed to file their respective Statements in Support of the Settlement Agreement documenting their resolution of all the issues arising out of the GCR Filing and the Complaints filed by OCA and OSBA at the above-referenced docket numbers on or before Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

4. That the evidentiary hearing previously scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10:00 p.m. will be convened as scheduled; however, the hearing will be used to allow the parties to identify testimony and exhibits to be moved into the record for the GCR Filing and/or the Complaints filed by OCA and OSBA at the above-referenced docket numbers.

5. That any provision of this prehearing order may be modified upon motion and good cause shown by any party in interest in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.223(a).

Date: April 22, 2024

/s/
Arlene Ashton
Administrative Law Judge

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