

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
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v.	:	R-2024-3048828
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UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division	:	
1307(f) Proceeding	:	

**INITIAL PREHEARING ORDER**

This Order is issued pursuant to the authority granted to presiding officers by 52 Pa. Code § 5.483.

On May 1, 2023, UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (UGI) filed preliminary supporting information for its 2024 Purchased Gas Cost (PGC) Filing. UGI’s proposed purchased gas cost tariff and all required supporting information, including direct testimony, was filed May 31, 2024.

On May 17, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a formal Complaint and Public Statement in this matter. This was accompanied by a Notice of Appearance for Emily A. Farren, Esquire, and Melanie J. El Atieh, Esquire.

On May 17, 2024, Brian Dugas filed a formal Complaint in this matter.

On May 20, 2024, Jean Ann Switch filed a formal Complaint in this matter.

On May 22, 2024, Steven C. Gray, Esquire, filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA).

On June 4, 2024, Scott C. Granger, Esquire, filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BIE).

In accordance with the provisions of 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 333 and 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.221-5.224, a telephonic Initial Prehearing Conference will be scheduled to take place in this case **on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a telephonic Initial Prehearing Conference shall be held at 11:00 a.m. on **Friday, June 14, 2024**. Any request for a change of the scheduled Prehearing Conference date must state the agreement or opposition of other parties and must be submitted in writing. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). A change will be granted only where good cause is shown.

2. Pursuant to 52 Pa.Code § 1.55, each party shall be limited to one entry on the service list. Parties shall provide the name, business address, business telephone number, business telefacsimile number (if any), and business e-mail address (if any) of the person they wish to have listed on the service list.

3. **All parties must serve us directly** (electronically at debuckley@pa.gov and alphonarno@pa.gov) with any document that you file in this proceeding, preferably in Word format, though it is understood that voluminous attachments may be in pdf format. If you send me any document or correspondence, you must send a copy to all other parties in the case. It is not sufficient to file with the Secretary's Bureau and to expect me to receive a copy of your filing. The current service list is attached to this order.

4. That on or before **Thursday, June 13, 2024**, parties shall file and serve an Initial Prehearing Conference memoranda which shall include:

(a) The information described in Paragraph 2, above.

(b) Proposed orders with respect to discovery.

(c) A proposed litigation schedule, agreed to by all parties if possible, which requires the filing of reply briefs by **August 14, 2024**.

(d) Names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses the party expects to call and the subject matter of each witness' testimony.

(e) A list of the issues and sub-issues of this proceeding which the party intends to address and a statement of the party's position on each of the issues and sub-issues listed.

(f) A statement describing the evidence the party proposes to present at hearing, relating the evidence to each of the issues and sub-issues the party intends to address.

**NOTE: Judge Buckley will not be available July 26, 2023, through August 9, 2024.**

5. Pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §§ 1.21-1.23, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted Pro Hac Vice, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted Pro Hac Vice, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall insure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa.Code § 1.24(b).

6. Parties shall be prepared for useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive. Parties' representatives shall be fully authorized to make commitments, both procedural and substantive, on behalf of their represented party.

7. The following matters shall be addressed at the prehearing conference:

(a) Establishment of the official service list and an informal e-mail distribution list.

(b) Establishment of a litigation schedule which requires the filing of reply briefs by **August 14, 2024**.

(c) Any modification of the Commission's rules pertaining to discovery (52 Pa. Code, Subchapter D) and subpoenas (52 Pa. Code § 5.421).

(d) Other matters that may aid in the orderly conduct or disposition of the proceeding and the furtherance of justice, including but not limited to:

(i) Simplification of the issues;

(ii) Obtaining admissions as to, or stipulations of, facts not in dispute, or the authenticity of documents which might properly shorten the hearing;

(iii) Limitations as to the number of witnesses;

(iv) Limitations of time and scope for direct and cross-examinations.

8. Failure of a party to attend the Initial Prehearing Conference, without good cause shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached, and to an order or ruling with respect thereto.

9. Please review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically at 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, inter alia, that participants try to initiate discovery as early in

the proceeding as possible, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. The parties are expected to pursue resolution of discovery issues among themselves. Motions to compel should be filed only after such efforts have failed.

Date: June 12, 2024

/s/  
Dennis J. Buckley  
Administrative Law Judge

/s/  
Alphonso Arnold III  
Administrative Law Judge

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