

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2024-3045945
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2024-3047498
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2024-3047727
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v.	:	
	:	
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	
1307(f) Proceeding	:	

INTERIM ORDER

Admitting Prepared Written Testimony
Into the Hearing Record and
Suspending the Litigation Schedule

On April 1, 2024, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples Natural Gas, the Company or PNG) filed a Pro Forma Supplement with proposed changes to the Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC – Peoples Natural Gas Division’s Retail Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No.47 and the Peoples Gas Division’s Retail Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 8. This filing was docketed at R-2024-3045945, to provide for projected changes in tariff rates resulting from changes in purchased gas costs. A Notice of Intervention or Appearance was filed by the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BIE), and formal complaints were filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA).

The presiding officer conducted the prehearing conference on April 8, 2024, with the following parties present and represented by counsel: Peoples Natural Gas, BIE, OSBA, OCA and PIOGA. At the prehearing conference, the parties considered issues raised by the filings, discussed prehearing matters and established a litigation schedule and, thereafter, the presiding officer issued the prehearing order on April 15, 2024, which memorialized the matters discussed, decided and agreed to by the parties during the prehearing conference. In addition, the intervention request the Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association was granted.

Following the prehearing conference on April 8, 2024, the representatives from the utility company, BIE, OCA, OSBA and PIOGA participated in informal discussions with each other. On June 4, 2024, counsel for the utility advised the presiding officer that all parties had reached an agreement in principle which would resolve all issues. On behalf of all the parties, the utility requested a suspension of the procedural schedule, pending receipt of the signed settlement agreement. The parties also requested permission that each party might submit a stipulation for the admission of the prepared written testimony and exhibits of all parties in the proceedings, accompanied by affidavits of the witnesses who provided testimony.

AND NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The litigation schedule last established on April 15, 2024, is suspended;
2. The evidentiary hearings scheduled for May 30, 2024, and June 3, 2024 were cancelled;
 1. A fully-executed joint settlement agreement, accompanied by substantive Statements in Support submitted by all parties, shall be submitted on or before noon on Friday, June 28, 2024.
 2. Each party shall submit a stipulation for the admission of the prepared written testimony and exhibits of all parties in the proceedings, accompanied by affidavits of the witnesses who provided the testimony. The stipulation and affidavits may be included with the Statements in Support submitted by each party with the joint settlement agreement but must be submitted on or before noon on June 28, 2024.
 3. The documentation submitted by the parties is marked as follows and is hereby admitted into evidence, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.403(a)(1) and §5.404. The prepared

written testimonies of PNG’s witnesses were submitted as part of the initial filing and are listed here as marked.

PNG Statement No. 1	Direct Testimony of Robert Hovanec
PNG Statement No. 2	Direct Testimony of Andrew P. Wachter
OCA Statement No. 1	Direct Testimony of
OCA Statement No. 2	Direct Testimony of Jerome D. Mierzwa
OCA Statement No. 3	Direct Testimony of Aaron L. Rothschild
OCA Statement No. 4	Direct Testimony of Roger D. Colton
OCA Statement No. 5	Direct Testimony of Barbara R. Alexander
BIE Statement No. 1	Direct Testimony of
BIE Exhibit No. 1	Exhibit to Accompany BIE Statement No. 1
OSBA Statement No. 1	Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Robert D. Knecht

6. The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate shall submit separately one copy of the prepared written testimony, statements and/or exhibits listed above, plus affidavits or verifications signed by the witness, to the Secretary’s Bureau for filing, along with a copy of this Order, on or before noon on Friday, June 28, 2024.

Date: June 17, 2024

Katrina L. Dunderdale
Administrative Law Judge

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NATURAL GAS COMPANY LLC 1307(F)**

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