

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2024-3048828
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2024-3049086
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2024-3049499
Brian Dugas	:	C-2024-3049100
Jean Switch	:	C-2024-3049239
Paula Mercuri	:	C-2024-3049667
Juan Ramos	:	C-2024-3049558
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v.	:	
	:	
UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division	:	
1307(f) Proceeding	:	

ORDER

This Order is issued pursuant to the authority of presiding officers at 52 Pa. Code § 5.483 and the directive to presiding officers at 52 Pa. Code § 5.224(d).

On May 1, 2024, UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (UGI or the Company) filed with the Commission data related to the recovery of purchased gas costs (PGCs) pursuant to Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1307(f), and in accordance with the Commission’s regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.64(c) and 53.65.

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 Melanie J. El Atieh, Esquire, and Emily A. Farren, Esquire.

Also 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 May 28, 2024, Paula Mercuri filed a formal Complaint in this matter.

On May 31, 2024, UGI filed its definitive PGC filing, including supporting information required by the Commission's regulations, the Company's direct testimony and exhibits and *pro forma* Tariff Supplement reflecting actual and projected changes in natural gas costs. UGI Gas is proposing a PGC rate of \$5.4483 per Mcf, effective December 1, 2024.

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

On June 10, 2024, OSBA filed a formal Complaint and Public Statement in this matter.

On June 11, 2024, Juan Francisco Ramos filed a formal Complaint in this matter.

A telephonic prehearing conference was held on June 14, 2024. Devin T. Ryan, Esquire and Michael S. Swerling, Esquire, appeared on behalf of UGI. Melanie J. El Atieh, Esquire, and Emily A. Farren, Esquire appeared on behalf of OCA. Steven C. Gray, Esquire appeared on behalf of OSBA. Scott B. Granger, Esquire, appeared on behalf of I&E. Brian Dugas appeared on behalf of himself. The parties agreed to a litigation schedule that was accepted on the record and which is set forth in this Order. The parties agreed that the evidentiary hearing will take place telephonically. The parties agreed to certain modifications of the Commission's discovery regulations, the modifications of which are set forth in this Order. No public input hearings were requested.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The following litigation schedule is established:

Other Parties' Direct Testimony	June 28, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony	July 15, 2024
Surrebuttal Testimony	July 22, 2024
Rejoinder Testimony	July 24, 2024, at 10 a.m.
Evidentiary Hearing	July 25, 2024
Main Brief	August 8, 2024
Reply Brief	August 14, 2024

2. The Commission's discovery regulations are modified as follows:

- A. Answers to written interrogatories and requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served in-hand within ten (10) calendar days of service.
- B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories; unresolved objections shall be served in writing to the propounding party within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.
- C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) calendar days of service of written objections.
- D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) calendar days of service of such motions.

- E. Requests for admissions will be deemed admitted unless answered within ten (10) calendar days or objected to within five (5) calendar days of service.
- F. Answers to on-the-record data requests shall be served in-hand within five (5) calendar days of the requests.
- G. Any discovery or discovery-related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day before a holiday will be deemed to have been served on the next business day for purposes of calculating the due date for any responsive filing.

After rebuttal is served on July 15, 2024, the discovery regulations are further modified as follows:

- A. Answers to interrogatories and responses to requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories or requests for production.
- B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within two (2) calendar days of service; unresolved objections shall be served on the propounding party in writing within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.
- C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within two (2) calendar days of service of written objections.
- D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within two (2) calendar days of service of such motions.
- E. Requests for admission shall be deemed admitted unless answered or objected to within three (3) calendar days of service.
- F. Discovery requests and discovery related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day preceding a holiday shall be deemed to have been served on the next business day.

3. The official service list for this proceeding is attached to this Order. This Order does not serve as a limitation on service amongst the parties as they please.

4. A formal evidentiary hearing will be scheduled for July 25, 2024, to take place telephonically.

Dated: June 26, 2024

/s/
Dennis J. Buckley
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

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