

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

William Bell	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2024-3049180
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Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

**INTERIM ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S  
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

By Call-In Telephonic Hearing Notice dated August 7, 2024, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

By Rescheduled Initial Telephonic Hearing Notice dated August 8, 2024, the Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing was rescheduled for October 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

I issued a Prehearing Order on August 9, 2024. The Prehearing Order directed the parties to comply with various procedural requirements and directed that a request to change the scheduled hearing should be sent to me at least five days prior to the hearing date, be in writing and state the agreement or opposition of the other party.

The October 29, 2024 hearing took place as scheduled. Mr. Bell appeared *Pro Se*. Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) appeared and was represented by Graciela Christlieb, Esq. During off-the-record settlement discussions, the parties reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Bell's Complaint, which involves the location of PGW's facilities located outside of his home. However, the parties advised that additional time was required for Mr. Bell to finalize plans to encase PGW's facilities, and to submit those plans to PGW for evaluation and acceptance. Accordingly, I advised the parties that I would have the hearing rescheduled.

By Further Telephonic Hearing Notice dated October 29, 2024, a Further Call-In Telephonic Hearing was scheduled for January 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

I issued a Corrected Prehearing Order on December 9, 2024<sup>1</sup> which advised the parties that I had a new legal assistant. The Prehearing Order again directed the parties to comply with various procedural requirements and directed that a request to change the scheduled hearing should be sent to me at least five days prior to the hearing date, be in writing and state the agreement or opposition of the other party.

On January 6, 2025, Ms. Christlieb filed PGW' Motion to Continue (Motion). In the Motion, Ms. Christlieb indicted that the parties are engaged in ongoing settlement discussions and that the parties need additional time to resolve the matter. Ms. Christlieb further indicated that she had spoken with Mr. Bell about PGW's continuance request, and that Mr. Bell advised that he has no objection to PGW's Motion and that he agrees that additional time for settlement discussions would be beneficial.

Paragraph 3 of my August 9, 2024 and December 9, 2024, Prehearing Orders advised the parties that they may request a continuance of the hearing if they have a good reason. My Prehearing Order further advised that "[t]o request a continuance, you must submit a written request (a "motion") at least five (5) days before the hearing." My Order further instructed that the motion should include: the case name, case number, and hearing date; the reason you are requesting a continuance; and the other party's position on the request.

Based on Ms. Christlieb's stated reason, and also because the Complainant agrees with the request, I find that PGW has established good cause to postpone the January 7, 2025 hearing. Accordingly, the request is granted. A Notice canceling the current hearing date and rescheduling to a future date will be issued.

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<sup>1</sup> While my Corrected Prehearing Order was issued to the parties on December 9, 2024, the Order indicated an incorrect issuance date of August 9, 2024.



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