

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Barbara Cook	:	
	:	
v.	:	F-2025-3052862
	:	
Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

**INTERIM ORDER GRANTING COMPLAINANT’S  
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE  
AND DIRECTING PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS  
TO REFILE PLEADINGS**

By Call-In Telephonic Hearing Notice dated February 4, 2025, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing was scheduled for March 31, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

I issued a Prehearing Order on February 4, 2025. 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.

On March 20, 2025, Charlotte E. Edelstein, Esq., and Robert W. Ballenger, Esq., entered an appearance on behalf of Barbara Cook.

Also on March 20, 2025, Ms. Edelstein filed a Motion for Continuance (Motion). In support of the Motion, Ms. Edelstein explained that the Complainant recently retained counsel to represent her in this matter, and that a continuance is necessary to permit her counsel to conduct discovery and interview witnesses to prepare for an evidentiary hearing, and to engage in settlement discussions. Ms. Edelstein also advised that PGW has no objection to the Complainant’s Motion.

Paragraph 3 of my February 4, 2025, Prehearing Order 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 serve a written request to me and every other party (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. Edelstein’s stated reason, I find that good cause exists to postpone the March 31, 2025, hearing. Accordingly, the request is granted. A notice canceling the current hearing date and rescheduling it to a future date will be issued.

Separately, the Commission’s file at this docket shows Answers filed by the Complainant to PGW’s New Matter and Preliminary Objection. However, neither PGW’s Answer and New Matter or Preliminary Objection are attached to the file at this docket. Upon inquiry, the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau advised that although PGW attempted to file both of these pleadings on January 29, 2025, the filings were rejected, and PGW was directed to refile. However, there is no indication that PGW refiled. Accordingly, PGW is directed to re-file their Answer and New Matter and Preliminary Objection at this docket.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Complainant’s Motion for Continuance of the hearing in the matter captioned as Barbara Cook v. Philadelphia Gas Works at Docket No. F-2025-3052862 is granted;
2. That the scheduling staff of the Office of Administrative Law Judge shall reschedule this matter for a hearing and notify the parties in writing; and



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