

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3053184
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3053503
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3054391
Daniel Killmeyer	:	C-2025-3055049
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	
1307(f) Proceeding	:	

SECOND POST HEARING ORDER

Remove Confidential Designation
from Evidence Admitted at Hearing

Background

On April 1, 2025, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples Natural Gas, the Company or PNG) filed a Pro Forma Supplement with proposed changes to the Peoples Retail Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 48 and the Peoples Supplier Tariff No. S-4. This filing was docketed at R-2025-3053184, to provide for projected changes in tariff rates resulting from changes in purchased gas costs.

On April 10, 2025, the presiding officer conducted the prehearing conference with the parties present. At the prehearing conference, the parties considered issues raised by the filings, discussed prehearing matters and established a litigation schedule. Thereafter, the presiding officer issued the Prehearing Order on April 15, 2025; and an evidentiary hearing was scheduled to be conducted on May 22, 2025.

On May 21, 2025, Peoples, on behalf of itself, BIE, OCA, OSBA and PIOGA, (collectively, the parties), filed the Joint Stipulation for Admission of Evidence. The parties stipulated Peoples and OCA were the only parties to submit written direct testimony and exhibits and Peoples was the only party to submit rebuttal testimony. All the parties agree the written direct

testimony and exhibits of Peoples and OCA, plus the rebuttal testimony of Peoples, have been authenticated and should be admitted into the record. The parties requested the statements and exhibits be admitted into the record of this proceeding and expressly waived the opportunity for cross-examination of the witnesses sponsoring those statements and exhibits.

On May 22, 2025, the presiding officer convened the evidentiary hearing, at which all of the parties appeared. Both Peoples and OCA moved to admit their written statements and exhibits into the hearing record. The presiding officer granted the motions and admitted the written statements and exhibits, with verifications, into the hearing record. Peoples and OCA were ordered to provide a copy to the court reporter for the proper inclusion into the Commission's hearing record.

On May 27, 2025, the presiding officer issued the Post Hearing Order, which commemorated the admission of the documents into the record and listed the statements and exhibits admitted at the evidentiary hearing.

During the evidentiary hearing, Peoples requested the admission of some evidence which included Highly Confidential portions of written testimony provided by one Company witness (Carol A. Scanlon) in her Direct Testimony and Rebuttal Testimony concerning the price paid by the Company for commodity supply. The Company also requested Confidential treatment of written testimony from its witness Steven P. Kolich and OCA requested Highly Confidential treatment of some portions of the written testimony provided by its witness, Jerome D. Mierzwa. All the evidence presented by the Company and OCA were admitted into evidence by order of the presiding officer.

During the evidentiary hearing, in a portion of the transcript which was transcribed by the court reporter but maintained as a confidential portion of the transcript, the parties engaged in a discussion about whether evidence provided by Witness Scanlon concerning a "Wagner adjustment" was appropriately identified as Highly Confidential. After the hearing, Peoples elected to withdraw its request to keep settlement terms confidential as concerns the Wagner adjustment. Also, after the hearing, OCA indicated it had no objection to removing the "Highly Confidential" designation of its witness, Mr. Mierzwa, either.

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