

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division :
for approval to begin to offer, render, furnish, or :
supply natural gas distribution service to the public : A-2025-3056020
in Frailey Township, Schuylkill County :

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

On June 30, 2025, UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (UGI) filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) seeking approval to expand its certificated service territory to begin to offer, render, furnish, or supply natural gas distribution service in Frailey Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, specifically to two proposed industrial customers located in Frailey Township (Application). On July 28, 2025, the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Protest to the Application.

By Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice dated August 22, 2025, the Commission scheduled a Telephonic Prehearing Conference in this proceeding for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and assigned me as the Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Section 333 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 333, and Sections 5.221-5.224 of the Commission’s regulations, 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.221-5.224, this Prehearing Conference Order is being issued.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a Call-In Telephonic Prehearing Conference shall be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Parties shall dial 1-877-668-3814, PIN 45310677# at 10:00 a.m. to connect to the conference.

2. That absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled prehearing conference. Failure of a party to participate in the conference without good case shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and any orders or rulings issued with respect thereto.

3. That a request for a change of the scheduled Prehearing Conference date shall state the agreement or opposition of other parties and shall be submitted no later than five (5) days prior to the Prehearing Conference. 52 Pa.Code § 1.15(b). Requests for change must be sent to the Presiding Officers with copies to all parties of record.

4. That all parties shall review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa.Code § 5.331(b), which provides, among other things, that “a party shall initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa.Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. All parties are urged to cooperate in discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.361, 5.371 – 5.372.

5. That you must serve me directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding at sthaas@pa.gov. If you send any correspondence or document to me, you must also send a copy to all other parties.

6. That parties shall review the regulations pertaining to Prehearing Conferences, in particular 52 Pa.Code § 5.222(d), which provides that parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. The preparation should include, among other things, advance study of all relevant materials, and advance informal communication between the participants, including requests for additional data and information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.

7. Prior to the Prehearing Conference, the parties shall confer with one another and attempt to develop a mutually agreeable litigation schedule, as well as proposed modifications, if any, to the Commission's discovery deadlines.

8. That during the Prehearing Conference, the parties should be prepared to address the following issues:

- a.) The information described above.
- b.) A summary of settlement efforts.
- c.) Any proposed modifications to the Commission's discovery regulations.
- d.) A proposed schedule for litigation.
- e.) Names, business addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses the party expects to call and the subject matter of each witnesses' testimony.
- f.) A list of the issues and sub-issues of this proceeding which the party intends to address and a statement of the party's position on each of the issues and sub-issues listed.

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