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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	**Public Meeting held August 28, 2025**
	Docket No. R-2024-3052357
v.	**3052357-ALJ**
Pike County Light & Power Company - Gas	

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KATHRYN L. ZERFUSS

Today, the Commission considers adoption of a Joint Petition for Approval of a Non-Unanimous Full Settlement (Settlement) of a general rate increase filed by Pike County Light & Power Company – Gas (Pike). The originally requested total increase in gas distribution rates was $905,900. Under the terms of the Settlement, the rate increase is reduced to $825,000, to be implemented in two phases: $495,000 in phase 1, effective October 15, 2025, and $330,000 in phase 2, effective October 15, 2026.

As part of the Settlement, the parties acknowledged direct testimony given at the Commission-led Public Input Hearings that included a suggestion of a phase-in of any new rates to help with financial challenges customers may have as a result of the rate case. In response to this testimony, the Joint Petitioners have agreed to a gradual phase-in of the rate increase, aiming to ameliorate the financial impact on customers.

I would like to highlight just how essential public participation is in a rate case proceeding. This Settlement clearly shows that testimony provided on the record was influential on the outcome. First-hand accounts of potentially impacted members of the community are a key part of our process and are carefully weighed as the Commission endeavors to balance the needs of consumers and utilities.

I cannot stress enough the importance of public participation in Commission-led public input hearings and appreciate that the parties involved were responsive to the testimony provided in this matter.

DATE: August 28, 2025

Kathryn L. Zerfuss, Commissioner