

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

PENNSYLVANIA UTILITIES COMMISSION	:	
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v.	:	R-2025-3054393
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VALLEY ENERGY	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
SETTING PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT**

On April 30, 2025, Valley Energy filed proposed Supplement No. 69 to Tarriff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 2, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$1.6 million (19%) in additional annual revenues, an increase in residential customer's bills using 76 Ccf/month from \$66.81 to \$78.84/month (18%), to become effective June 29, 2025. By order entered on May 22, 2025, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff until January 29, 2026, and directed an investigation to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the rate filings.

The Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E), the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business Advocate entered their appearances and/or filed formal complaints.

I conducted a prehearing conference on June 3, 2025, where the Parties agreed to a litigation schedule including the exchange of written testimony and agreed to evidentiary hearings beginning on September 4, 2025.

By email on September 2, 2025, the Parties notified me that they had reached a unanimous settlement in principle on all issues. On September 4, 2025, I convened the hearing in this matter. The Parties stipulated that all Parties waived cross-examination of all witnesses.

The Company, I&E, OCA and OSBA each moved for the admission of their Direct, Rebuttal and Surrebuttal Testimony.¹ All testimony was admitted into the record without objection.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That on or before **October 17, 2025**, the Parties shall file a joint petition for settlement and statements in support.
2. That the Settlement and Statements in support of the settlement shall include the following:
 - a. A stipulation of any facts that are necessary to support the terms of the settlement.
 - b. Proposed conclusions of law and ordering paragraphs.
 - c. An appendix table which sets forth the following information: the current rates for each customer class; the rate increase proposed in the initial filing for each customer class; and the rates proposed for each customer class in the petition for settlement. All of these costs and comparisons shall be stated in dollar/cents amounts and in percentages. Your presentation must be very clear whether the rates as presented include or exclude supply charges or are solely distribution charges. Current, proposed and settlement rates must be presented consistently for all rate classes. The effect of the riders and adjustment charges should be set out separately.

¹ The rate cases for Wellsboro Electric Company, Valley Energy, Inc. and Citizen's Electric Company of Lewisburg were consolidated for the purposes of discovery, procedural schedule and hearing.

d. Statements in support shall utilize a common outline, including headings and subheadings. Every party need not address every issue but should use the same headings.

3. Statements in Support should be specific about how the settlement benefits your client, particularly as it relates to any elements of the rate calculation that are in a black box. Boilerplate language regarding the general utility of settlements is not a substitute for an explanation a party's support for the settlement. It is recommended that the parties address the testimony from the August 22, 2025, public input hearing.

4. That if any party fails to follow these instructions in the smallest detail that party's position will not be considered, regardless of where the record may support it or the position of any other party to this proceeding.

5. That unless ordered otherwise, the record shall close on October 28, 2025.

Date: September 9, 2025

/s/
Mary D. Long
Administrative Law Judge

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