

Reply To New Matter

October 30, 2025

Docket #C-2025-3057732

**Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Filing Room
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

DATE OF DEPOSIT

OCT 30 2025

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**PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU**

We are urging the PUC to reject National Fuel's application to abandon our gas line. Penn DOT has pushed back its planned date to begin the bridge construction. National Fuel has the opportunity to look at alternative ways to reconnect its pipeline, either onto the bridge or over Wyncoop Run as it is now.

Upon reviewing the document received from HMS Legal on October 20, 2025, we found several discrepancies.

The location of the properties is mistakenly listed as Eldred Township, Jefferson County; they are in Millstone Township, Elk County.

National Fuel did not demonstrate good faith efforts to negotiate a buyout agreement. We received letters with short, urgent deadlines to sign a waiver of our rights. The appliance audit occurred on August 28, 2025. The audit took less than 3 minutes; a photo was taken of each appliance. On September 3, 2025, we received the findings of the appliance conversion audit. It included our boiler : " (need to consult manufacturer for LP conversion kit)", our whole house generator: "(should be field convertible to LP, need to consult manufacturer)", and our Electrolux stove and water heater, both of which would need to be replaced. This report seems inadequate as it ignores the labor involved in the conversions, the delivery and installation of appliances, and the cost of setting a propane tank and excavations (which will need to be installed on a hillside to place it above possible flood waters), and

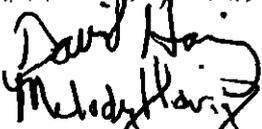
excavations (which will need to be installed on a hillside to place it above possible flood waters), and excavation for hook-up (using National Fuel's estimate, the pipe from the tank to our home will cost \$219. per foot). The audit report was accompanied by a letter from Eric W. Lynde offering us \$2,400 if we submitted a waiver of claims by September 10, 2025. If we did not agree by the tenth, National Fuel would instead provide only the minimum payment required. The minimum referred to was \$488.97, the amount stated in a letter to us by National Fuel dated August 21, 2025. [On Sept. 11, 2025, this minimum was changed to \$1,652.10 due to a "miscalculation", and we were given another deadline to sign a waiver of rights. Please refer to the list of our actual bills enclosed; it seems that the "minimum" of the PUC formula, as per National Fuel's letter dated August 21, 2025, #2, would be \$3,486.54.]

Asking us to sign a waiver within 7 days (including the weekend), with a threat of removing their first offer, can not be considered "good faith negotiations". We did not sign the waiver, but reached out to National Fuel Corporate with a letter on Sept 17, 2025, about our concerns. They sent a form reply which included information on help for those needing assistance paying gas bills. We have been working on compiling a list of costs of propane conversion in the eventuality that the PUC grants National Fuel's abandonment proposal; we are waiting on three more figures.

National Fuel states that "Ethical conduct and integrity are core values of National Fuel. All employees share the responsibility for making ethical conduct central to our business operations and dealings."

Cutting off the gas supply to loyal, long-time customers does not seem ethical. If National Fuel is granted permission to abandon our gas line, we should not have to go into debt to pay for that decision.

David and Melody Haring



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July 2022	\$21.25				
Aug. 2022	\$15.93	July 2023	\$25.85	July 2024	\$27.37
Sept. 2022	\$22.72	Aug. 2023	\$19.63	Aug. 2024	\$29.17
Oct. 2022	\$134.98	Sept. 2023	\$19.45	Sept. 2024	\$25.62
Nov. 2022	\$89.67	Oct. 2023	\$21.32	Oct. 2024	\$18.48
Dec. 2022	\$76.12	Nov. 2023	\$52.96	Nov. 2024	\$76.60
Jan. 2023	\$188.83	Dec. 2023	\$103.79	Dec. 2025	\$119.78
Feb. 2023	\$243.16	Jan. 2024	\$128.07	Jan. 2024	\$188.76
Mar. 2023	\$143.32	Feb. 2024	\$166.56	Feb. 2025	\$243.16
April 2023	\$129.97	Mar20. 24	\$103.95	March 2025	\$172.23
May 2023	\$102.79	April 2024	\$67.54	April 2025	\$131.17
June 2023	\$23.87	May 2024	\$78.30	MAY 2025	\$105.32
Total	\$1192.61	June 2024	\$40.74	June 2025	\$24.52
		Total	\$828.16	Total	\$1162.18

Using option # 2, 3 times the total od the last 12 months of actual bills:34

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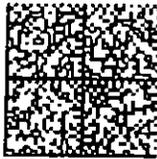
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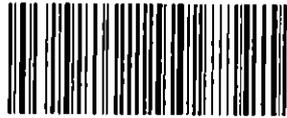
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