

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2024-3052277
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Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

BRIEFING ORDER

On November 25, 2024, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E or Complainant) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW or Respondent) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In the Complaint, I&E alleged that PGW violated the Public Utility Code, the Pennsylvania Code, and the Code of Federal Regulations in connection with a natural gas explosion that occurred at 815 Jackson Street, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, on November 30, 2021. In addition to a number of corrective actions, I&E requested a total civil penalty of \$300,000 for these violations.

On January 29, 2025, PGW filed an Answer denying the violations alleged in I&E’s Complaint.

By Call-In Telephone Prehearing Conference Notice dated January 30, 2025, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Prehearing Conference was scheduled for February 20, 2025, and the matter was assigned to me.

The Prehearing Conference convened as scheduled on February 20, 2025. I&E and PGW participated in the Prehearing Conference.

On March 4, 2025, I issued Prehearing Order #1, establishing the litigation schedule and the procedures applicable to this proceeding.

On July 18, 2025, I issued an Order granting PGW's Motion for Protective Order.

The parties submitted testimony pursuant to the litigation schedule memorialized in Prehearing Order #1.

On October 16, 2025, an in-person evidentiary hearing was held as scheduled in this matter. Both I&E and PGW participated. During the hearing, the parties proposed that main briefs in this matter be due on or before January 13, 2026, and that reply briefs be due on or before February 13, 2026.

This Order establishes the instructions the parties are to follow when drafting and submitting briefs in this matter.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Main Briefs shall be filed on or before **January 13, 2026**.
2. That Main Briefs shall contain:
 - A. A table of contents;
 - B. A history of the proceeding;
 - C. A discussion;
 - D. Proposed findings of facts (with record citations to transcript pages or exhibits where supporting evidence appears);
 - E. Proposed conclusions of law (with citations to supporting statutes, regulations, or relevant case law); and
 - F. Proposed ordering paragraphs specifically identifying the relief sought.

3. **That any proposed finding of fact that does not include record citations to admitted pre-served testimony, exhibits where the supporting evidence appears, or the transcript will not be considered.**

4. That Reply Briefs shall be filed on or before **February 13, 2026.**

5. That Reply Briefs shall be concise and directly responsive to arguments made by the opposing party in its main brief.

6. **That the parties must use a common outline for both Main and Reply Briefs.**

7. That the parties are advised not to include any extra-record evidence in their briefs.

8. That if a brief contains a citation to an unreported decision which is not available on LEXIS or the Commission's website, a copy of that unreported decision must be appended to the brief.

9. That in addition to filing briefs with the Commission's Secretary's Bureau, the parties shall provide a copy of all briefs by email prepared in Microsoft Word.

10. That any brief not filed and served on or before the date fixed therefore will not be accepted for filing, except by special permission of the Commission or the presiding Administrative Law Judge pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §5.502(c).

Date: November 18, 2025

/s/
Christopher P. Pell
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

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