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Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman, Statement
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Petition of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC for
Approval of its Third Long-Term Infrastructure
Improvement Plan

Docket Number:
P-2025-3057167

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration is the Petition of the Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC (Peoples) for approval of its third Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan (Third LTIIP) filed with the Commission on August 29, 2025. Copies of the Petition were served upon the statutory advocates and all parties of record in Peoples' most recent base rate

proceedings.¹ No comments were received. For the reasons expressed in this Opinion and Order we will approve Peoples' Petition for its Third LTIP.

BACKGROUND

Effective April 16, 2012, Act 11 of 2012, (Act 11) provides jurisdictional water and wastewater utilities, electric distribution companies (EDCs), and natural gas distribution companies (NGDCs) or a city natural gas distribution operation with the ability to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) to recover reasonable and prudent costs incurred to repair, improve or replace certain eligible distribution property that is part of the utility's distribution system. The eligible property for the utilities is defined in 66 Pa. C.S. §1351. Act 11 states that as a precondition to the implementation of a DSIC, a utility must file an LTIP with the Commission that is consistent with 66 Pa. C.S. §1352.

The Commission promulgated regulations relating to LTIPs at 52 Pa. Code §§ 121.1 – 121.8 that became effective December 20, 2014. In accordance with the regulations, an NGDC must include the following elements in its LTIP:²

- (1) Types and age of eligible property;
- (2) Schedule for its planned repair and replacement;
- (3) Location of the eligible property;
- (4) Reasonable estimates of the quantity of property to be improved;

¹ See, *Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. v. Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC* at Docket No. R-2023-3044549.

² See, 52 Pa. Code § 121.3.

- (5) Projected annual expenditures and measures to ensure that the plan is cost effective;
- (6) Manner in which replacement of aging infrastructure will be accelerated and how repair, improvement or replacement will maintain safe and reliable service;
- (7) A workforce management and training program; and
- (8) A description of a utility's outreach and coordination activities with other utilities, PennDOT and local governments on planned maintenance/construction projects.

PEOPLES' FIRST COMBINED LTIP

Peoples previously operated in Pennsylvania as two NGDCs, Peoples Natural Gas (Peoples Natural) and Peoples Gas (Combined, The Companies). The Companies were corporations organized and existed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the business of selling and distributing natural gas to retail customers within the Commonwealth and were therefore public utilities within the meaning of Section 102 of the Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 102, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. Peoples Natural, as an NGDC, provided natural gas service to approximately 640,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in all or portions of 16 Southwestern Pennsylvania counties.³ Peoples Natural's distribution system included 153 miles of transmission pipeline, 10,388 miles of distribution pipeline, 621,616 service lines and 657,047 meters. Peoples Gas, as an NGDC, provided natural gas service to approximately 60,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in portions of

³ Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

nine Western Pennsylvania counties.⁴ Peoples Gas' distribution system included 2,167 miles of mains and 61,575 services.

On September 22, 2017, The Companies filed a Petition for approval of their First Combined LTIP, which was approved by the Commission in an Order entered January 18, 2018.⁵ The First Combined LTIP replaced the previously separate LTIPs for both Peoples Natural and Peoples Gas. Of note in the First Combined LTIP, The Companies reversed their previous LTIP plans for an in-house construction division. The Companies also changed their method for making investment decisions to be purely based on risk, regardless of which company or division of The Companies contained the at-risk pipelines. The Companies noted that this allows them to lower their risks faster than they would have otherwise be able to do. The First Combined LTIP covered the years 2017 through 2021 and projected to replace approximately 620 miles of main and expend over \$920 million on eligible property improvements and replacements.

PEOPLES' SECOND COMBINED LTIP

By Commission Order entered January 24, 2020 (Jan 24 Order), the sale of Peoples to Aqua America, Inc., now Essential Utilities, Inc. (Essential), was approved.⁶ The Jan 24 Order approved a Non-Unanimous Complete Settlement (Essential Settlement). As part of the Essential Settlement, Peoples committed to file a modified LTIP that would further

⁴ Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson, and Westmoreland counties.

⁵ See, *Petition of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC and Peoples Gas Company, LLC, for approval of a Combined Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan*, at Docket Nos. P-2013-2344596, P-2013-2342745, and P-2016-2563033, Opinion and Order entered January 18, 2018.

⁶ See *Joint Application of Aqua America Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc., and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC and Peoples Gas Company LLC for All of the Authority and Necessary Certificates of Public Convenience to Approve a Change in Control of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC and Peoples Gas Company LLC by Way of the Purchase of All of LDC Funding, LLC's Membership Interests by Aqua America Inc.*, at Docket Nos. A-2018-3006061, A-2018-3006062 and A-2018-3006063, Opinion and Order entered January 24, 2020.

accelerate its pipeline replacement beginning in 2021 by spending at least an additional \$30 million per annum, and by replacing approximately 25 additional miles of pipeline per annum.⁷

Peoples' Second Combined LTIP was a five-year plan that replaced their First Combined LTIP. Peoples' Second Combined LTIP further accelerated their infrastructure spending, resulting in additional mileage of distribution pipeline replaced as compared to the First Combined LTIP. In the Second Combined LTIP Peoples included the infrastructure of the former Mountain Energy LTD (Mountain Energy) as DSIC-eligible property. The Commission approved Peoples' acquisition of Mountain Energy in an Order entered July 21, 2016, at Docket No. A-2015-2507377.⁸

On March 15, 2024, Peoples filed a Petition for a Major Modification to its Second Combined LTIP (Modification Petition). The primary purpose of this Modification Petition was to provide for additional capital expenditures to allow Peoples to meet its infrastructure replacement goals. The Commission approved the Major Modification to the Second Combined LTIP by Order entered July 11, 2024.⁹

PEOPLES' THIRD LTIP

Peoples' Third LTIP is a five-year plan, spanning the years 2026 through 2030 and further accelerating Peoples' infrastructure replacements from its previous two LTIPs. In its Petition, Peoples proposes investing over \$3 billion during the span of the LTIP to

⁷ *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph 6.

⁸ *See, Application of Peoples Natural Gas and Mountain Energy, LTD for approval of the transfer of property used or useful from Mountain Energy to Peoples and the transfer of patrons located in Aleppo, Center, Freeport, Gray and Richhill Townships, Green County, PA from Mountain to Peoples*, at Docket No. A-2015-2507377, Order entered July 21, 2016.

⁹ Docket Nos. P-2020-3021942 and P-2020-3022053.

replace approximately 930 miles of targeted mains and other infrastructure, including upgrading customers to new Intelis meters.

Peoples, in its Petition, addressed the 8 LTIIP elements required by 52 Pa. Code § 121.3, as discussed below:

(1) TYPES AND AGE OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTY

Peoples' Position

Peoples' distribution system includes 161 miles of transmission pipeline, 13,214 miles of distribution pipeline, 693,479 service lines and 729,088 meters. Peoples lists the following types of eligible property included in its Third LTIIP:

- Gas distribution and transmission mains and all related equipment and appurtenances;
- Gas services lines (company and customer-owned) and all related equipment and appurtenances, such as farm taps;
- Gas meter sets and all related equipment and appurtenances;
- Regulation stations, including telemetry;
- Overpressure protection equipment;
- Mandated facility relocations;
- Other related capital costs, including but not limited to equipment, tools, corrosion control equipment, vehicles and supporting information technology systems.

Tables 1 through 3, below, show the age of Peoples' infrastructure, including mains, service lines, and meters.

Table 1: Peoples' Inventory of Mains by Installation Vintage

Vintage	Distribution	Storage	Transmission	Grand Total
Unknown	587	0	0	587
Pre 1940	527	0	0	527
1940-1949	276	0	0	276
1950-1959	948	0	46	994
1960-1969	1,929	1	21	1,951
1970-1979	1,571	2	19	1,592
1980-1989	1,412	2	11	1,425
1990-1999	1,679	0	12	1,692
2000-2009	1,592	7	21	1,621
2010-2019	1,107	0	7	1,114
2020-2029	1,098	0	12	1,109
Grand Total	12,726	12	149	12,888

Table 2: Peoples' Inventory of Services by Installation Vintage

Vintage	# of Services
Unknown	59
Pre-1940	40,761
1940-1949	6,596
1950-1959	25,640
1960-1969	51,169
1970-1979	103,659
1980-1989	101,342
1990-1999	117,904
2000-2009	98,930
2010-2019	80,597
2020-2029	66,822
Total	693,479

Table 3: Peoples’ Inventory of Meters by Installation Vintage

Vintage	# of Meters
Pre-1940	12
1940-1949	1
1950-1959	2,469
1960-1969	19,147
1970-1979	34,049
1980-1989	122,750
1990-1999	141,994
2000-2009	175,469
2010-2019	117,921
2020-2029	115,276
Total	729,088

Peoples’ primary focus in its Third LTIP is distribution and transmission mains. Peoples currently has an inventory of 2,200 miles of main targeted for replacement and estimates that it will finish removing all of these pipelines by 2038. Peoples notes that these are primarily bare steel and cast iron pipelines, and a small subset of first-generation plastic pipelines. The proposed average mileage to be replaced per year in the Third LTIP is 186 miles, for a total of 930 miles over the span of the Third LTIP. Table 4, below, shows Peoples’ anticipated targeted pipelines per year of the Third LTIP.

Table 4: Peoples’ Targeted Mains by Miles and Material Type for Each Year of the Third LTIP (2026 through 2030)

Year	Bare Steel, Cast Iron, Wrought Iron	First Gen Plastic	Other Steel	Total Miles
2026	179	5	2	186
2027	179	5	2	186
2028	179	5	2	186
2029	179	5	2	186
2030	179	5	2	186
Total	895	25	10	930

Peoples also states that it has approximately 15 miles of bare-steel transmission mains targeted for replacement. Peoples indicates that it intends to replace approximately 7 to 10 miles of these mains in the Third LTIIP.

Peoples' Third LTIIP also focuses on the installation of Intelis meters, primarily within its residential and commercial classes of customers. This is in conjunction with the continued replacements of other meters through Peoples' meter testing and statistical sampling program. Peoples explains that the Intelis meter represents a significant advancement in utility safety and operational oversight, by integrating pressure sensing technology into solid state gas meters. The Intelis meters are designed to provide real-time monitoring of gas pressure at the point of service, enabling early detection of anomalies that could indicate leaks, pressure drops, or other hazardous conditions. Peoples claims this will greatly enhance their ability to respond to potential safety issues, reduce the risk of incidents, and improve overall system integrity.

Comments

No comments were received regarding the types and age of eligible property.

Resolution

Upon review of Peoples' Third LTIIP, the Commission finds that Peoples' Third LTIIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(1) by identifying the types and ages of eligible property for which they seek DSIC recovery.

(2) SCHEDULE FOR PLANNED REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTY

Peoples' Position

Peoples plans to replace 930 miles of at-risk mains and the service lines associated with these mains, predominantly bare steel and cast iron. Peoples notes that this pace of replacement should allow it to finish replacing all of its at-risk pipelines by 2038.

Peoples notes that a portion, about 7 to 10 miles, of these mains to be replaced in the LTIP are transmission pipelines, which are larger and more expensive than the majority of their distribution mains. Peoples is planning on replacing the majority of its residential and commercial meters with Intelis meters over the course of the LTIP. Table 6 in Element 4, below, details the amount of eligible property to be improved or replaced for each year of the Third LTIP.

In order to prevent instances of inadvertent over-pressurization of its low-pressure distribution systems, beginning in 2020, Peoples began a program to install over-pressure protection (OPP) measures throughout its system. Peoples is continuing this program in the Third LTIP by adding remote sensor equipment, installing additional OPP systems to their regulator stations, and relocating underground control lines (UCL) to above-ground locations where feasible. The quantities of OPP in the Third LTIP are detailed in Table 5, below.

Table 5: Peoples’ Estimated Quantity of OPP Infrastructure to be Installed/Relocated for Each Year of the Third LTIP, 2026 through 2030 (Expenditures in Millions of Dollars)

Estimated Balance YE 2025	OPP Component	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
418	Remote Pressure Detection (count)	150	150	118	0	0	418
	Remote Pressure Detection (\$)	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$1.4	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$5.0
708	Additional OPP (count)	100	100	100	100	100	500
	Additional OPP (\$)	\$12.0	\$12.4	\$12.7	\$13.1	\$13.5	\$63.7
44	Relocate UCL (count)	20	24	0	0	0	44
	Relocate UCL (\$)	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2.0
	Total Expenditures (\$)						\$70.7

Comments

No comments were received regarding the schedule for planned repair and replacement of eligible property.

Resolution

Upon review of Peoples’ Third LTIP, the Commission finds that Peoples’ Third LTIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(2) by detailing the schedule for planned repair and replacement of eligible property.

(3) LOCATION OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTY

Peoples’ Position

Peoples explains that its Third LTIP includes projects throughout its service territory. Peoples’ service territory spans 18 counties throughout Western and

Southwestern Pennsylvania.¹⁰ Peoples states that within its service territory, it has more than 13,300 total miles of pipeline assets and other facilities. Peoples explains that eligible property is located in all parts of Peoples' service territory.

Comments

No comments were received regarding the location of eligible property.

Resolution

Upon review of Peoples' Third LTIIP, the Commission finds that Peoples' Third LTIIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(3) by providing a general description of the location of eligible property.

(4) REASONABLE ESTIMATES OF THE QUANTITY OF PROPERTY TO BE IMPROVED

Peoples' Position

Peoples provides a breakdown of the quantity of property to be replaced or improved for each year of their Third LTIIP, summarized in Table 6, below.

¹⁰ Counties served include Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Washington, and Westmoreland.

Table 6: Peoples’ Estimated Quantity of Infrastructure to be Replaced for Each Year of the Third LTIP, 2026 through 2030

Category	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5 Year Total
Distribution Lines (miles)	185	184	183	184	184	920
Transmission/Storage Lines (miles)	1	2	3	2	2	10
Company Owned Services (count)	13,700	13,700	13,700	13,700	13,700	68,500
Customer Owned Services (count)	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,400	52,000
Meter Replacement - Intelis (count)	124,000	124,000	124,000	124,000	124,000	620,000
Meter Replacement - Other (count) ¹¹	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	8,400
M&R Station Upgrades (count)	76	76	76	76	76	380
M&R OPP Projects (count)	270	274	218	100	100	962

Peoples states that, as in previous LTIPs, it will be replacing customer-owned service line in certain circumstances as they replace portions of Peoples’ mains.¹² Peoples further explains that this is more efficient than trying to have customers replace their failing or at-risk service lines at the time of the main replacement. Peoples capitalizes these costs as part of the main replacement the same as other customer owned property such as damaged sidewalks or driveways.

Peoples also provided a breakdown of the number of miles of main it will be targeting in each year of the Third LTIP by material type, as detailed in Table 4 in Element 1, above.

¹¹ Includes other meters, inside meters, and meter move outs.

¹² This methodology was previously approved by the Commission in Peoples’ prior LTIP proceedings. See, Docket Nos. P-2013-2344596 and P-2013-2342745.

Peoples' replacement projections for the Third LTIP represent a further increase compared to their Second Combined LTIP. In the Second Combined LTIP, Peoples had planned to replace approximately 863 miles of main, from 2021 through 2025. In the Third LTIP, Peoples projects they will replace 930 miles from 2026 through 2030, which is an increase of 67 miles (averaging 13.4 miles per annum), and a 7.8% overall increase.

Comments

No comments were received regarding the reasonable estimates of the quantity of property to be improved.

Resolution

Upon review of Peoples' Third LTIP, the Commission finds that Peoples' Third LTIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(4) by detailing reasonable estimates of the quantity of property to be improved.

**(5) PROJECTED ANNUAL EXPENDITURE AND MEASURES
TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS COST EFFECTIVE and**

**(6) ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT AND MAINTAINING ADEQUATE,
EFFICIENT, SAFE, RELIABLE, AND REASONABLE SERVICE TO
CUSTOMERS**

Peoples' Position

Peoples' projected annual expenditures during the term of the Third LTIP are shown in Table 7, below.

Table 7: Peoples' Projected Annual LTIP Expenditures (Millions of Dollars)

Type of Infrastructure	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5 Year Total
Distribution Lines ¹³	\$539.50	\$561.10	\$583.60	\$606.90	\$631.20	\$2,922.30
Meter Replacement - Intelis	\$39.80	\$37.30	\$38.60	\$39.90	\$41.30	\$196.90
Meter Replacement - Other ¹⁴	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.70	\$32.60
M&R Station Upgrades	\$6.00	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.60	\$6.80	\$32.10
M&R OPP	\$14.80	\$15.20	\$14.10	\$13.10	\$13.50	\$70.70
Total	\$606.60	\$626.40	\$649.20	\$673.10	\$699.50	\$3,254.80

Peoples' projected expenditures are a substantial increase in investment compared to the Second Combined LTIP. Under the Second Combined LTIP (after the Major Modification), Peoples' expenditures totaled approximately \$1.94 billion over 5 years, from 2021 through 2025. The Third LTIP proposes expenditures of \$3.25 billion, or a 67.5% increase in spending over the Second Combined LTIP. This level of spending represents an additional \$262 million per annum over the Second Combined LTIP.

Peoples explains that its continued commitment to removing aging infrastructure in its Third LTIP allows Peoples to maintain safe, reliable, and reasonable service to its customers going forward. Peoples further expounds that the removal of these older materials and replacement with newer ones, in conjunction with the installation of the

¹³ Includes company and customer-owned services and transmission lines.

¹⁴ Includes other meters, inside meters, and meter move outs.

Intelis meters, will allow to Peoples' customers to receive safer, more reliable service with fewer interruptions.

Comments

No comments were received regarding the projected annual expenditures and means to finance the expenditures. Nor were there comments received regarding the description of the manner in which infrastructure replacement will be accelerated and how repair, improvement, or replacement will ensure and maintain adequate, efficient, safe, reliable, and reasonable service to customers.

Resolution

Upon review of Peoples' Third LTIIP, the Commission finds that Peoples' Third LTIIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(5)-(6) by providing the projected annual expenditures and means to finance the expenditures, and a description of the manner in which infrastructure replacement will be accelerated and how repair, improvement, or replacement will ensure and maintain adequate, efficient, safe, reliable, and reasonable service to customers.

(7) WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Peoples' Position

Peoples explains that workforce planning is an ongoing process for the Companies, focused on a "best practices" approach to identifying current and projected staffing needs and required skill sets for the workforce. Peoples notes that they put the following programs in place to address workforce needs:

Supervisor Assessment and Development Program

Peoples explains that all supervisor candidates participate in an assessment program that compares their abilities and behavior competencies to nationwide supervisory norms. Both internal and external hires participate in a comprehensive supervisor orientation and development program that introduces them to Peoples' procedures and programs, as well as providing operator qualification (OQ) training regarding pipeline compliance, installation, and maintenance programs.

Training

Peoples notes that it provides technical skills training and Operator Qualification training at operating locations and a training center for field workers. Peoples also notes that it works to ensure that the qualifications and work quality meet regulatory and the Companies' expectations. Peoples avers that this helps the Companies protect system integrity and reliability as well as public safety.

Peoples notes that new employees receive seven weeks of training. Typically, the first week is Safety Orientation, followed by three weeks consisting of construction and maintenance fundamentals training that includes Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance and accident prevention training as well as field construction techniques, tool and equipment operation, and other natural gas distribution field work exposure. This is followed by three weeks of on-the-job training.

Peoples avers that when these employees advance to Field Customer Service positions, a similar three-week course is provided that includes safe appliance inspection and maintenance procedures, Natural Fuel Gas Code compliance, and leak and odor

investigation. Peoples notes that their training departments also conduct courses on specific equipment used in the gas distribution industry, including training from manufacturer staff experts.

Intelis Meter Training and Implementation

In its Third LTIP Peoples discusses the comprehensive training and deployment strategy that it has developed to successfully execute the installation of its new Intelis meters. Peoples' staffing plan includes the hiring of Apprentice Customer Service Technicians or contractors who will be dedicated to meter change-outs. Peoples will then have these technicians or contractors undergo a structured training program that covers the technical aspects of Intelis meter installation, safety protocols, and customer interaction procedures, to be conducted in accordance with Peoples' OQ training program designed for the Field Customer Service position, including both classroom instruction and field-based mentoring.

Additionally, Peoples explains that logistical planning also includes the procurement and distribution of meters, tools, and safety equipment. To this end, Peoples' states that its centralized logistics team monitors inventory and coordinates deliveries to field crews, ensuring that materials are available when and where they are needed. Finally, Peoples will implement a scheduling system to optimize deployment routes and minimize customer disruption.

Peoples avers that its structured approach to training and deployment will ensure the timely and safe installation of Intelis meters, while also building a skilled workforce capable of supporting future operational needs.

OQ Training

In order to ensure that workers involved in DSIC-eligible work are qualified, Peoples indicates that they have an extensive OQ Program. Peoples notes that their Safety and Training Departments are responsible for:

- Re-qualifying one-third of the operations' workforce each year (includes acquiring, developing, and/or providing the training that supports OQ training, maintaining qualification records, and maintaining a database of qualified individuals);
- Tracking Role assignments and scheduling training sessions;
- Publishing a monthly role status report;
- Coordinating the development and maintenance of the written OQ Program;
- Identification of covered tasks and abnormal operating conditions;
- The development of evaluation instruments;
- The qualification of employees and evaluation of qualified individuals; and
- Verifying contractor compliance.

Peoples explains that contractors that work solely for Peoples are also required to adhere to the federal Department of Transportation's Pipeline Safety regulations pertaining to OQ, Drug and Alcohol Testing and Program Administration, and other requirements designed to assure safe and accurate installation and operation of pipeline components. Peoples states that they will continually verify ongoing contractor compliance with respect to these requirements by subjecting contractors and subcontractor employees to qualification according to the provisions of Peoples' OQ Rules, which governs Peoples' own operations. Contractors must make available to Peoples evidence of their compliance with Peoples' safety requirements. These qualifications are attained by attending training at Peoples' training facility. Peoples notes that evidence of this compliance may include but is not limited to: identification of qualified individuals; the date current qualification

was completed; and any additional information requested by Peoples pertaining to qualification of individuals. Inspection of contractor qualification will occur at job sites or at contractor's facilities at the discretion of Peoples.

Comments

No comments were received regarding the workforce management and training program.

Resolution

Upon review of the Peoples' Third LTIP, the Commission finds that Peoples' Third LTIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(7) by providing a workforce management and training program that is designed to ensure that Peoples will have access to a qualified workforce to perform the work in a cost-effective, safe, and reliable manner.

(8) DESCRIPTION OF OUTREACH AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER UTILITIES, PENNDOT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PLANNED PROJECTS

Peoples' Position

Peoples' Third LTIP provides a list of various utility coordination and outreach activities that it engages in with municipalities and other utility companies in its service territory. These activities include engagement with PennDOT, PA One Call, the City of Pittsburgh, local municipalities, county public works departments, and regional utilities. Peoples also detailed its outreach to customers and the general public on projects.

Peoples notes that its websites are updated to reflect Interactive Mapping under the "Future Work" link, which can display projects that are coming up in the next two weeks and where customers can check the status of ongoing construction.¹⁵

Comments

No comments were received regarding the description of outreach and coordination activities with other utilities, PennDOT, and local governments on planned projects.

Resolution

Upon review of the Peoples' Third LTIP, the Commission finds that Peoples' Third LTIP fulfills the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a)(8) by providing a description of Peoples' outreach and coordination activities with other utilities, PennDOT, and local governments on planned projects and roadways that may be impacted by the Third LTIP.

THIRD LTIP SUMMARY

The Commission's review of an LTIP must determine if the LTIP:¹⁶

- Contains measures to ensure that the projected annual expenditures are cost-effective.
- Specifies the manner in which it accelerates or maintains an accelerated rate of infrastructure repair, improvement or replacement.

¹⁵ The Future Work information is available here: <https://www.peoples-gas.com/street-work/future-work.php>.

¹⁶ See 52 Pa. Code § 121.4(e).

- Is sufficient to ensure and maintain adequate, efficient, safe, reliable and reasonable service.
- Meets the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a).

The utility has the burden of proof to demonstrate that its proposed LTIP and associated expenditures are reasonable, cost effective and designed to ensure and maintain efficient, safe, adequate, reliable, and reasonable service to consumers.¹⁷

The Commission has reviewed Peoples' Third LTIP and any resulting comments. The Commission finds that Peoples has met their burden of proof by demonstrating that its Third LTIP contains measures to ensure that the projected annual expenditures are cost-effective, specify the manner in which they accelerate or maintain an accelerated rate of infrastructure repair, improvement, or replacement, are sufficient to ensure and maintain adequate, safe, reliable, and reasonable service, and meet the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 121.3(a). Accordingly, Peoples' Third LTIP is approved.

The Commission finds Peoples' Third LTIP and manner in which it was filed conforms to the requirements of Act 11 and our Regulations. The plan, as approved herein, is designed to maintain safe, adequate, reliable, and reasonable service and, as such, Peoples shall be required to comply with the infrastructure replacement schedules and elements of that plan; **THEREFORE,**

¹⁷ See 52 Pa. Code § 121.4(d).

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Petition of Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, for approval of its Third Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan is approved, consistent with this Order.
2. That the proceeding at Docket No. P-2025-3057167 be closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Matthew Homsher

Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: December 18, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: December 18, 2025