PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	**Public Meeting held February 19, 2026**
v.	**3059428-TUS**
National Fuel Gas	**Docket No. R-2025-3059428**
Distribution Corporation	

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN STEPHEN M. DeFRANK

Before the Commission is the rate case filed on January 28, 2026, by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation. Inc (NFG or the Company). NFG seeks to increase overall annual revenues by $19.7 million (7.4%). This proposal would result in a monthly bill increase from $83.49 to $88.44 (5.9%) for a residential customer using 80 Ccf/month. On February 4, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint. Various other oppositions were also filed at the instant Docket. Consequently, the Commission now considers this action to suspend the tariff for further investigation and analysis, and send it to the Commission's Office of Administrative Law Judge for final disposition by the Commission on or before October 29, 2026.

As part of its rate filing, NFG was required to provide a notice of proposed rate changes to its customers identifying the total average bill for residential customers, commercial customers, and industrial customers that would result if the Company's full rate request was approved. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 53.45, *Notice of new tariffs and tariff changes*.

In the event that parties in this case reach a revenue settlement, I am specifically requesting that the following settlement rate impact information be provided for the Commission's review:

1. Any settlement should identify the total average bill for NFG's residential, commercial, and industrial customers;

2. Any settlement should identify the exact percentage of rate increase that NFG's residential, commercial, and industrial customers will experience under the settlement rates compared to existing rates; and

3. The Recommended Decision should include the settlement rate impact information identified above.

February 19, 2026
Date

Stephen M. DeFrank
Chairman