

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held February 19, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission
v.
National Fuel Gas Distribution
Corporation

Docket Number:
R-2025-3059428

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 28, 2026, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFG), Utility Code 121850, filed proposed Supplement No. 294 to National Fuel Gas Tariff – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$19.7 million (7.4%) in additional annual revenues, an increase in residential customer's bills using 80 ccf/month from \$83.49 to \$88.44/month (5.9%), to become effective March 29, 2026.

On February 4, 2026 and February 12, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, respectively, filed Formal Complaints. Various oppositions were also filed.

NFG stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary to: (1) allow it to earn a fair return on investments used and useful to continue to provide safe and reliable service to the public; (2) support its infrastructure replacement programs designed to enhance safety and reliability; (3) address increasing levels of operating costs, which are principally being influenced by broader macroeconomic trends; and (4) mitigate the adverse impacts of warmer weather trends on customer usage.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until October 29, 2026, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of NFG's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Supplement No. 294 to National Fuel Gas Tariff – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9.

2. That the proposed Supplement No. 294 to National Fuel Gas Tariff – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 is suspended by operation of law until October 29, 2026, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: February 19, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: February 19, 2026

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. _____ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. _____

(COMPANY'S NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

Issued:

NOTICE

The rates and regulations proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____ are hereby suspended to become effective _____, at Docket No. _____. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.