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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. v. National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Docket No. R-2026-3059551

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Attached for filing please find the Prehearing Conference Memorandum on behalf of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies are being provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



Megan E. Rulli
Associate

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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Charece Z. Collins (*via email; w/attachment*)
Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

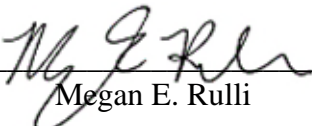
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al.	:	
	:	
v.	:	R-2026-3059551
	:	
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation	:	

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF
NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE CHARECE Z. COLLINS:

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.224(c) and the Prehearing Conference Order issued by Administrative Law Judge Charece Z. Collins (“ALJ”) dated February 17, 2026, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (“Distribution”) hereby submits this Prehearing Conference Memorandum.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 30, 2025, Distribution filed data and exhibits supporting recovery of purchased gas costs in compliance with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.64 - 53.65.

On January 16, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed a Complaint and Public Statement.

On January 23, 2026, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On February 3, the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On January 30, 2026, Distribution filed additional supporting data and exhibits as well as the prepared, written testimony of the seven witnesses listed below in support of Supplement No. 295 to Tariff Gas — Pa. P.U.C. No. 9, to be effective for service rendered on and after August 1, 2026. Distribution also submitted a Tariff Addendum. The Tariff Supplement and the Addendum set forth the specific rates proposed by Distribution for recovery of purchased gas costs effective on August 1, 2026.

On February 9, 2026, the OSBA filed a Complaint, Public Statement, and Verification.

On February 17, 2026, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued, which, among other things, scheduled a telephonic prehearing conference for February 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM, and directed the parties to file prehearing memoranda on or before February 19, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

II. COUNSEL

Distribution will be represented by the following counsel in this proceeding:

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Distribution's counsel are authorized to receive copies of all documents served in this proceeding. Please include Mr. Kanagy and Ms. Rulli on all correspondence in this proceeding. In addition, Distribution agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. For the purposes of the February 23, 2026, Prehearing Conference, Mr. Kanagy will act as primary counsel for Distribution.

III. WITNESSES AND ISSUES

Distribution, as part of its direct case, presented the following witnesses who are testifying to the matters as explained in their statements and exhibits that were filed on January 30, 2026:

Witness

Statement

Christopher A. Cej
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Distribution PGC Statement No. 1
and Exhibits identified therein.

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Distribution PGC Statement No. 2
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Distribution PGC Statement No. 3
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Distribution PGC Statement No. 4
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Distribution PGC Statement No. 7
and Exhibits identified therein.

The issues and subject matter addressed by each witness are set forth in their direct testimony. Distribution may present additional witnesses, testimony and exhibits on matters arising during the course of the proceeding, including matters raised by other parties.

Distribution will amend its prefiled statements and exhibits, if appropriate, during the course of this proceeding, based upon more recent information, as such information becomes available. Such update(s) may reflect changes in information relevant to the determination of the proper level of purchased gas cost recovery rates for the 12 months ending July 31, 2026, including the effects of quarterly changes in rates for recovery of purchased gas costs pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.64.(i)(5).

It is noted that the rates that will become effective on August 1, 2026, in all likelihood, will be different from the rates proposed by Distribution at this time because the final rates will be calculated to reflect the quarterly updates that became effective on February 1, 2026, and the quarterly update that will become effective on May 1, 2026, differences between projected and actual purchased gas costs and recoveries for the period through June 30, 2026, and changes in forecasts of gas costs during the application period.

IV. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Distribution, I&E, OSBA, and the OCA have agreed to the following schedule for this proceeding:

February 23, 2026	Prehearing Conference
March 6, 2026	Written Direct Testimony of All Non-Company Parties
March 20, 2026	Written Rebuttal of All Parties
March 26, 2026	Written Surrebuttal Testimony of All Parties
March 30, 2026	Oral Rejoinder Outline
March 31 and April 1, 2026	Telephonic Evidentiary Hearing
April 9, 2026	Main Briefs Due
April 17, 2026	Reply Briefs Due

V. DISCOVERY

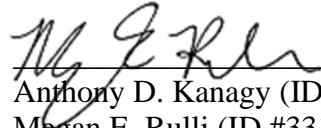
Distribution does not propose any special orders regarding discovery. Interrogatories have already been served on Distribution in this proceeding. Distribution is unaware of any discovery disputes. Further, Distribution encourages the use of informal discovery.

Distribution believes that a protective order is necessary with regard to discovery in this proceeding. Distribution intends to request a protective order to limit the disclosure of competitive business information or other confidential information.

VI. SETTLEMENT

Distribution is willing to meet with the other parties to discuss settlement of this proceeding. To date, no settlement discussions have been held.

Respectfully submitted,



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