

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3059523
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2026-3060342
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2026-3060353
Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania	:	C-2026-3060448
Thomas J. Nagies	:	C-2026-3060116
Mustafa Kirisci	:	C-2026-3060190
Daniel J. Luce II	:	C-2026-3060290
Rik Bhattacharyya	:	C-2026-3060305
Josh Durham	:	C-2026-3060434
Serafima Zhuravska	:	C-2026-3060439
Roberta Zeek	:	C-2026-3060442
Cassandra Price	:	C-2026-3060450
Nathan Bahn	:	C-2026-3060451
Robert L. Spradley, Jr.	:	C-2026-3060452
Joseph Kohler	:	C-2026-3060526
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v.	:	
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UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

On January 28, 2026, UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division (UGI), filed Supplement No. 63 to UGI Gas Tariff – Pa. P.U.C. Nos. 7 and 7S to become effective March 29, 2026. UGI is proposing to increase its rates to produce \$99.368 million (8.05%) in additional annual revenues.

On January 29, 2026, Thomas Nagies filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060116.

On January 29, 2026, Mustafa Kirisci filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060190.

On February 2, 2026, Rik Bhattacharyya filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060305.

On February 2, 2026, Josh Durham filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060434.

On February 3, 2026, Michael A. Podskoch, Jr., Esquire, entered a Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E).

On February 4, 2026, Daniel J. Luce II filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060290.

On February 5, 2026, Serafima Zhuravska filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060439.

On February 6, 2026, Roberta Zeek filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060442.

On February 6, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a formal Complaint, Public Statement, Verification, and a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Christy M. Appleby, Esquire, et. al. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060342.

On February 9, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a formal Complaint, Public Statement, Verification, and a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Steven C. Gray, Esquire. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060353.

On February 10, 2026, the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA) filed a formal Complaint, Verification, and a Notice of Appearance on behalf of John W. Sweet, Esquire, et. al. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060448.

On February 10, 2026, Cassandra Price filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060450.

On February 10, 2026, Nathan Bahn filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060451.

On February 11, 2026, Robert L. Spradley, Jr. filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060452.

On February 13, 2026, Joseph Kohler filed a *pro se* formal Complaint. The Complaint was docketed at C-2026-3060526.

By Order entered February 19, 2026, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) instituted an investigation into the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the proposed rate increase (Suspension Order). Pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d), the filing was suspended by operation of law until October 29, 2026, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date. In addition, the Commission ordered that the investigation include consideration of the lawfulness, justness and reasonableness of UGI's existing rates, rules, and regulations. The matter was assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of hearings culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

In accordance with the Commission's February 19, 2026 Suspension Order, the matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judges F. Joseph Brady and Alphonso Arnold III.

A Prehearing Conference in this case is scheduled for **Friday, March 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** To participate in the hearing, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a PIN number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name, press the # key, and then the telephone system will connect you to the hearing. If you have any witnesses you want to have present during the hearing who are participating from a separate phone, you must provide them with the telephone number and PIN Number.

Toll-free Bridge Telephone Number: 877.874.1047

PIN Number: 11738422

You must call into the Prehearing Conference on the scheduled day and time. Failure of any party to attend the Prehearing Conference without good cause shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the Prehearing Conference. You will not be called by the Administrative Law Judges.

The parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. That a request for a change of the scheduled Prehearing Conference date must state the agreement or opposition of the other participants and must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the Prehearing Conference. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). Requests for changes of the Prehearing Conference date must be sent to the undersigned and all participants of record.

2. That absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled Prehearing Conference. Failure of a party to participate in the conference, after being served with notice of the date, time and location thereof, without good cause shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached, and an order or ruling with respect thereto.

3. That the Commission's regulation concerning prehearing conferences in rate proceedings is located at 52 Pa.Code § 5.224. Accordingly, we will discuss the following:

- 1) A proposed plan and schedule of discovery;
- 2) Possibility of settlement;
- 3) Issues;
- 4) Amount of hearing time needed;
- 5) Witnesses;
- 6) Schedule for submission of testimony, hearings and briefs;
- 7) Public Input hearings;
- 8) Any other appropriate matter.

4. That each active participant must file and serve, on or before 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2026, a prehearing conference memorandum which sets forth the history of these proceedings and addresses the agenda items listed above. **If more than one attorney represents a party, your prehearing memorandum should identify one attorney who will speak as the lead attorney for the purposes of the prehearing conference.** The following is our proposed schedule for hearings and briefs:

Hearings for cross-examination of all witnesses, oral rebuttal/surrebuttal	Week of June 1, 2026
Close of Record	Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Main Briefs Due	Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Reply Briefs Due	Monday, July 6, 2026 (by 12:00 p.m.)*
Public Meeting	Thursday, October 1, 2026
End of Suspension	Thursday, October 29, 2026

*** This Date is Non-negotiable.**

5. That the sole purpose of the March 6, 2026, Prehearing Conference is to establish a litigation schedule and address procedural concerns. **We will not be taking ANY testimony or addressing substantive issues related to UGI's rate increase.**

6. In response to this Prehearing Conference Order, you may proceed in one of three ways:

a. **Do nothing.** If you do nothing after receiving this Prehearing Conference Order, you will be treated as an inactive party to this proceeding. Inactive parties will receive the Presiding Officers' written orders, notices of hearings, the Recommended Decision and any Commission decisions and orders. Inactive parties will not participate in discovery, testify at the evidentiary hearing, or cross-examine witnesses. Inactive parties will not receive copies of the hearing exhibits or briefs filed by the active participants. You may still attend and testify at a public input hearing as explained in the next paragraph

b. **Testify at a public input hearing if one is scheduled.** Public input hearings, if scheduled, are for the purpose of giving people who do not wish to participate in the formal litigation an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the Company's proposal. If you testify at a public input hearing, you will not be permitted to also testify at the technical evidentiary hearings and you will otherwise be treated as an inactive party. You will receive a copy of the notice of the public input hearing which will include instructions for your participation.

c. **Become a party of record.** As an active party of record, you will be served with all of the pleadings, filings, discovery requests, written testimony and orders and decisions served and issued in this proceeding. **These documents will be voluminous.** Your rights as an active party of record include the ability to present your own testimony and to cross-examine other witnesses at the formal hearings, and to file exceptions to the Presiding Officers' recommended decision. Your duties as a party of record are that you must answer all discovery requests served upon you in accordance with the rules. **You will be required to serve a copy of anything that you file upon the Presiding Officers and each party appearing on the service list, as modified after the Prehearing Conference.** If you intend to present evidence at the formal evidentiary hearings, you will be required to submit your testimony in writing in advance, in accordance with the schedule to be set after the Prehearing Conference and to provide a copy of your written testimony to each party on the service list at that time. You may not testify at a public input hearing as an active party of record. You will be expected to become familiar with the Commission's rules of practice and comply with the instructions and deadlines imposed by the orders of the presiding Administrative Law Judges. The Commission's rules of practice appear in Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code Chapters 1, 3 and 5. The Pennsylvania Code is available on-line at <http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/>. Although a natural person or a sole proprietor may appear on their own behalf, if you are any entity other than a natural person or a sole proprietor, (e.g., a corporation, partnership, municipality, etc.), you will be required to have an attorney represent you in accordance with the laws of Pennsylvania.

7. That the parties shall review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, inter alia, that "[a] party shall initiate

discovery as early in the proceeding as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa.Code § 5.322, which encourages participants to exchange information on an informal basis. All participants are urged to cooperate in discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-372.

8. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21-1.23, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted pro hac vice, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or admitted pro hac vice represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else.

9. That the parties must serve the undersigned Administrative Law Judges directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding. The undersigned ALJs may be served by email, via our legal assistants, **Pam McNeal at pmcneal@pa.gov or Eric Ball at erball@pa.gov**. **If you do not have access to email, you must serve us by mail, addressed to:**

Administrative Law Judges F. Joseph Brady and Alphonso Arnold III
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801 Market Street, 4th Floor
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There is no need to follow email service by hard copy, until further notice. If you send us any correspondence or document, you **must** send a copy to **all** other parties. For your convenience, a copy of the Commission’s current service list of the parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order. Please check the list for omissions or errors and contact us to make corrections.

10. That the parties shall stipulate to any matters they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burden of time and expense in litigation on all parties and conserve precious administrative hearing resources. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.232 and 5.234. All

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