

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Shailesh Tilvawala	:	
	:	
v.	:	F-2025-3058816
	:	
Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

**INTERIM ORDER GRANTING  
REQUEST FOR HEARING CONTINUANCE  
TO SECURE LEGAL COUNSEL**

On November 17, 2025, Shailesh Tilvawala (Complainant) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against Philadelphia Gas Works (Respondent or PGW). In the Complaint, the Complainant placed a checkmark in the box marked “[o]ther,” next to which he indicated “PGW is asking for payments which is [sic] I am not responsible for.” Under the “requested relief” section of the Complaint form, the Complainant requested that PGW “[s]tart service in my name without asking me to pay other party’s bill.”

On December 11, 2025, the Respondent filed an Answer in which it denied that there are incorrect charges on the bill. The Respondent further answered: that records show the Complainant is the owner of the property at the service address; that Company records show that the Complainant had service at the property from January 16, 2015 to August 25, 2016 and again from January 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020; that on September 10, 2020, gas service was placed into a tenant’s name; that on Aril 10, 2023, the service was shut off at the curb for non-payment; that on October 7, 2024, a PGW technician visited the service address; that the PGW technician found the gas on and left the gas off; that on October 9, 2024, a PGW technician visited the service address and found an iron pipe bypass; that on October 20, 2025, the Complainant called to request service at the property; and that he was advised that the bypass charges would have to

be paid before the service could be restored. Respondent requested that the Complaint be dismissed.

On December 17, 2025, a Call-In Telephone Hearing Notice was served on the parties scheduling an initial telephonic hearing on February 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and the case was assigned to me.

On December 18, 2025, a Prehearing Order was served on the parties which reminded the parties of the date and time of the hearing. The Prehearing Order stated the potential consequences if a party failed to appear at the hearing. Additionally, the Prehearing Order informed the parties about the applicable procedural rules and again included the procedure to follow for hearing continuances.

The February 11, 2026, hearing convened as scheduled. The Complainant appeared representing himself. PGW appeared and was represented by Tracey Tripp, Esquire. The Complainant requested a continuance in order to secure the representation of legal counsel. PGW objected to the continuance. I granted the Complainant's request for continuance over PGW's objection. However, I instructed the Complainant that should he not secure legal representation prior to the rescheduled hearing date, we would move forward with the hearing at that time, and he would have to represent himself in this matter.

Following the evidentiary hearing, the Office of Administrative Law Judge Scheduling Unit rescheduled the evidentiary hearing for April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Complainant shall cause an attorney to enter an appearance on his behalf in accordance with 52 Pa.Code § 1.21-1.25, on or before March 11, 2026; and

2. That the further hearing scheduled for April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. will proceed whether or not the Complainant has secured the representation of counsel.

Date: February 20, 2026

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Christopher P. Pell  
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

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