

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
	:	
v.	:	R-2026-3060186
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Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

HISTORY

On February 2, 2026, the Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW or company) filed its prefiling information required for its annual 2026-2027 Gas Cost Rate Filing. As part of its prefiling, PGW indicated that pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (Commission) July 10, 2025, Order at Docket No. R-2025-3053241, PGW intends to depart from the requirements of 52 Pa.Code §§ 53.45(b), 53.64(c), 53.64(i)(5)(i) and 53.68(a). Specifically, PGW indicated that it will notify individual customers by bill insert during a one-month billing cycle beginning on March 1, 2026, and concluding not later than March 31, 2026. PGW also indicated that it will provide public notice, in company offices that accept payments, of the tariff addendum and tariff supplement concerning PGW’s 2026-2027 gas cost rate on March 1, 2026. Furthermore, PGW indicated that it will provide estimated data for January 2026 and February 2026 in the March 1, 2026, quarterly 1307(f) filing instead of actual data for January 2025.

On February 3, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Formal Complaint which was docketed at Docket No. C-2026-3060261.

On February 4, 2026, Michael A. Podskoch, Esquire, filed a notice of appearance on behalf of the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E).

On February 6, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Rebecca Lyttle, Esquire, and Steven C. Gray, Esquire.

On February 9, 2026, the Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Gas Users Group (PICGUG) filed a Petition to Intervene in this proceeding.

On February 27, 2026, PGW filed its 2026-2027 Gas Cost Rate Filing.

The gas cost rate filing was assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for resolution by hearings and for issuance of a Recommended Decision. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Marta Guhl.

On March 5, 2026, an Initial Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued in this matter and the prehearing conference is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The Notice included the call-in information for the conference.

On March 9, 2026, OSBA filed a Formal Complaint in this matter which was docketed at Docket No. C-2026-3060961.

DISCUSSION

The Commission's regulation concerning prehearing conferences in rate proceedings is located at 52 Pa.Code §5.224. 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; and
- 7) Any other appropriate matter.

Counsel should submit a prehearing memorandum addressing the agenda items on or before noon on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Counsel can e-mail the memoranda to the presiding officer and the other counsel.

The following is a proposed schedule for hearings and briefs:

Hearings for cross-examination of all witnesses, oral Rebuttal/Surrebuttal	Week of April 6, 2026
Main Briefs Due	April 28, 2026
Reply Briefs Due	May 8, 2026
Public Meeting	August 6, 2026 ¹
End of Suspension Period	September 1, 2026

Any documents filed in this proceeding should be served on the presiding officer at the Philadelphia office and the active participants. 52 Pa.Code § 1.54(a) and (d).

Since documents can be submitted to the presiding officer and the participants by e-mail, available e-mail addresses will be included on the counsel service list. Please check the list for omissions and errors and contact our office to make corrections. My e-mail address is mguhl@pa.gov. My Legal Assistant, Eric Ball, should also be included on any correspondence to my office. His e-mail address is erball@pa.gov.

¹ A “reasonable time for preparation of a rewrite Commission Opinion and Order following the public meeting is between 10 and 14 days.” *See, Pa. Pub. Util. Comm’n v. PA-American Water*, Docket No. R-2020-3019369, p. 21, n.10 (Opinion and Order entered Aug. 20, 2020); *Pa. Pub. Util. Comm’n v. Columbia Gas*, Docket No. R-2020-3018835, p. 21, n.10 (Opinion and Order entered Aug. 20, 2020).

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall comply with the procedural rules and regulations discussed herein.

Date: March 12, 2026

_____/s/_____
Marta Guhl
Administrative Law Judge

R-2026-3060186 - PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS FILED ITS 1307(F) PRE-FILING/SUPPORTING INFORMATION 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ANNUAL 1307(F)

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