

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.

In addition to the formal Complaints filed by OCA, OSBA, and CAUSE-PA, various UGI customers filed formal Complaints against the rate filings.¹

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.

¹ Please see the case caption for the Docket Nos. of the consumer complaints.

On February 19, 2026, an Initial Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued scheduling a prehearing conference for March 6, 2026.

On February 20, 2026, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued directing the filing of Prehearing Conference Memorandums in advance of the prehearing conference.

Also on February 20, 2026, the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) filed a Petition to Intervene.

On February 23, 2026, Joanna Toft-Funk entered her appearance on behalf of I&E.

On February 27, 2026, UGI filed Supplement No. 66 to Tariff UGI Gas – Pa. P.U.C. Nos. 7 and 7S postponing the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 29, 2026.

On March 4, 2026, UGI, OCA, OSBA, I&E, CAUSE-PA, and RESA filed Prehearing Conference Memorandums.

On March 6, 2026, the prehearing conference was held as scheduled. The following parties were represented by counsel: UGI, OCA, OSBA, I&E, CAUSE-PA, and RESA. Also, in attendance was *pro se* Complainant Serafima Zhuravska.²

At the prehearing conference, no party opposed the Petition to Intervene filed by RESA. The parties also discussed and agreed on a number of procedural matters during the conference, including service of documents and modifications to the Commission's discovery regulations. The parties did not agree to a litigation schedule during the conference, therefore, the parties were instructed to propose a litigation schedule to the undersigned ALJ's by March 10, 2026. The parties complied with this request.

THEREFORE,

² At the conference, Ms. Zhuravska requested to be an inactive party to this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED:

Petitions

1. That the Petition to Intervene filed by the Retail Energy Supply Association is granted.

Active Parties

2. That the active parties in this proceeding are: UGI, OCA, OSBA, I&E, CAUSE-PA, and RESA.

Litigation Schedule

3. That the following litigation schedule is adopted:

Date	Event
To be determined targeting commencement the week of March 30, 2026	Public Input Hearings (in-person and telephonic)
April 13, 2026	Other Parties' Direct Testimony
May 13, 2026	Rebuttal Testimony
May 27, 2026	Surrebuttal Testimony
June 1, 2026	Written Rejoinder
June 2-4, 2026	Evidentiary Hearings
June 23, 2026	Main Briefs
July 6, 2026 (by 12 p.m.)	Reply Briefs or submission of joint settlement petition executed by representatives of parties thereto, together with all parties' statements in support of joint petition/settlement

Public Input Hearings

4. That public input hearings shall be held, consistent as possible with the joint proposed plan of the parties and the availability of the proposed locations and venues, commencing the week of March 30, 2026, and continuing as needed. Separate hearing notice(s) will be issued.

5. That UGI shall publish notice of the date, time, and registration requirements, if any, for the public input hearings, in the general readership section of at least one newspaper of general circulation in the UGI's service territory and file proof of publication with the Commission's Secretary's Bureau. UGI is further ordered to publish notice of the public input hearings on its website, social media and any other electronic means reasonably available.

Discovery

6. That discovery shall be conducted according to the Commission's rules and regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.321 *et seq.*, subject to the following modifications:

- A. Answers to written interrogatories and requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served in-hand within ten (10) calendar days of service.
- B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories; unresolved objections shall be served in writing to the propounding party within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.
- C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within five (5) business days of service of written objections.
- D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.
- E. Requests for admissions will be deemed admitted unless answered within ten (10) calendar days or objected to within five (5) calendar days of service.

- F. Answers to on-the-record data requests shall be served in-hand within five (5) calendar days of the requests.
- G. Any discovery or discovery-related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day before a holiday will be deemed to have been served on the next business day for purposes of calculating the due date for any responsive filing.

After rebuttal is served, the deadlines are as follows:

- A. Answers to interrogatories and responses to requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories or requests for production.
- B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within two (2) calendar days of service; unresolved objections shall be served on the propounding party in writing within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.
- C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of written objections.
- D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.
- E. Requests for admission shall be deemed admitted unless answered or objected to within three (3) calendar days of service.
- F. Discovery requests and discovery related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day preceding a holiday shall be deemed to have been served on the next business day.

7. That the parties should cooperate and exchange information on an informal basis. The parties shall cooperate rather than engage in numerous or protracted discovery disagreements that require our participation to resolve. All motions to compel shall contain a certification by counsel/participant setting forth the specific actions the parties have undertaken to resolve their discovery disputes informally. If a motion to compel does not

contain this certification, the undersigned will contact the parties and direct them to resolve the matter informally and provide the certification if they are unsuccessful. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.372.

Service

8. That a service list of the parties is attached to this Order. Any changes or corrections should be communicated to the ALJs as soon as possible, via e-mail to our legal assistants, Pam McNeal at pmcneal@pa.gov and Eric Ball at erball@pa.gov.

9. That the parties may serve documents electronically by 4:30 p.m. to meet any required due date herein. Documents served electronically need not be followed by service of a hard copy.

10. That the parties may arrange service amongst themselves as they agree.

Written Testimony/Stipulations/CSI

11. That the parties comply with the Commission's requirements for the preparation and service of written testimony. 52 Pa. Code § 5.412.

12. That any motions with respect to, or objections to, written testimony must be presented in writing no later than three days prior to the day that the witness sponsoring that testimony is scheduled to testify. Answers to such motions or objections may be filed within three days or sooner if circumstances warrant. Oral motions, other than for good cause, shall not be accepted.

13. That the parties shall stipulate to any matters they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burden of time and expenses in litigation on all parties and conserve administrative hearing resources. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.232 and 5.234. All stipulations entered into by the parties shall be reduced to writing, signed by the parties to be bound thereby,

and moved into the record during the hearing in this case. An exception to this requirement may occur when circumstances of time and expediency warrant. If so, an oral presentation of a stipulation is permissible, if it is followed by a reduction to writing as herein directed.

14. That the parties should do their best to avoid the use of Confidential Security Information (CSI), as defined by 35 P.S. § 2141 *et seq.*, in this proceeding. Where possible, the parties should develop alternative means of introducing information into the record, such as joint stipulations or redaction when proposing testimony or exhibits. If the parties cannot avoid the use of CSI, the parties are to contact the undersigned in advance of any submission, and prior to the evidentiary hearing.

Settlement

15. That the parties are to confer amongst themselves in an attempt to resolve all or some of the issues associated with this proceeding. The parties are reminded it is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). The parties are strongly urged to seriously explore this possibility. If a settlement is reached, a joint settlement petition executed by representatives of all parties to be bound thereby, together with statements in support of settlement by all signatory parties, must be filed with the Secretary for the Commission and served on the presiding officers.

Briefs/Rate Tables

16. A separate Briefing Order will be timely issued, consistent with 52 Pa. Code § 5.501 *et seq.*

17. Rate Case Tables will be electronically provided to the parties. These tables must be used by UGI and all parties in this proceeding. A party's failure to follow these instructions in the smallest detail will result in non-consideration of that party's position, regardless of where the record may support it or the position of any other party to this proceeding.

Modification

18. That any provision of this Scheduling Order may be modified upon motion and good cause shown by any party in interest in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.223(a).

Date: March 13, 2026

/s/
F. Joseph Brady
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

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