

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held April 16, 2026

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair, Statement
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission

Docket Number:
R-2026-3060855

v.

Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 27, 2026, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples), Utility Code 122250, filed proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$163.2 million (13.8%) in additional annual revenues, an increase in residential customer’s bills using 86 Mcf/year from \$122.20 to \$138.23/month (13.1%), to become effective May 26, 2026.

On March 31, 2026 and April 7, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, respectively, filed a Formal Complaint. Various oppositions were also filed.

Peoples stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary to allow it to earn a fair return on investments used and useful to continue to provide safe and reliable service to the public and to support its infrastructure modernization programs designed to enhance safety and reliability. Peoples also stated that this revenue increase is essential to attract the investments necessary to operate and maintain safe, reliable, and customer-focused natural gas distribution services.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until December 26, 2026, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Further, to inform the Commission in reviewing this proposed rate increase, we direct that the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) shall include in the Recommended Decision adjudicating this filing, and the parties shall include in any settlement related thereto, the impacts the rates recommended for approval will have on People's customers. The rate impact information shall include the average bill impact for residential, commercial, and industrial customers with the percentage increases compared to the rates in effect prior to the filing of the proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Peoples's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5.

2. That the proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5 is suspended by operation of law until December 26, 2026, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) shall include in the Recommended Decision adjudicating this filing, and the parties shall include in any settlement related thereto, the impacts the rates recommended for approval will have on

People’s customers. The rate impact information shall include the average bill impact for residential, commercial, and industrial customers with the percentage increases compared to the rates in effect prior to the filing of the proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5.

7. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 16, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: April 16, 2026

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. _____ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. _____

(COMPANY'S NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

Issued:

NOTICE

The rates and regulations proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____ are hereby suspended to become effective _____, at Docket No. _____. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.