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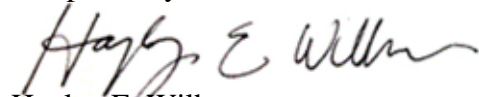
**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, *et al.* v Peoples Natural Gas Company
LLC
Docket Number R-2026-3060855 *et al.***

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed for filing please find the Prehearing Memorandum of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC. Copies are being provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the attached, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Hayley E. Wilburn

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Attachment

cc: Administrative Law Judge Charece Z. Collins (*via email; w/attachment*)
Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this filing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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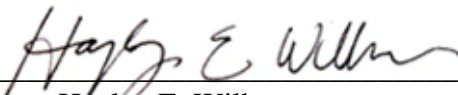
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,	:	
<i>et al.</i>	:	
	:	Docket Nos. R-2026-3060855
	:	C-2026-3061455
v.	:	C-2026-3061593
	:	C-2026-3061685
	:	
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
OF PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY LLC**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE CHARECE Z. COLLINS:

Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (“Peoples” or the “Company”) hereby files this Prehearing Conference Memorandum in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with the Prehearing Conference Order issued by Administrative Law Judge Charece Z. Collins (the “ALJ”) on April 16, 2026 and states as follows:

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 27, 2026, Peoples filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 (“PA PUC No. 49”) and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5 (“PA PUC No. S-5”), along with supporting information required by 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.52 and 53.52, to become effective on May 26, 2026. The Company’s filing reflects an overall revenue increase of approximately \$163.2 million annually.

On March 31, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed a Notice of Appearance, Formal Complaint, and Public Statement.

Also on March 31, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On April 2, 2026, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On April 7, 2026, OSBA filed a Formal Complaint and Public Statement.

Also on April 7, 2026, the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force, Inc. (“Providers Task Force”) filed a Petition to Intervene.

Also on April 13, 2026, the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (“CAUSE-PA”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On April 16, 2026, the Commission entered an Order suspending PA PUC No. 49 and PA PUC No. S-5 by operation of law until December 26, 2026, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission. Vice Chair Barrow also issued a Statement regarding the proceeding.

Also on April 16, 2026, an Initial Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued, which scheduled a prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM before the ALJ. The ALJ also issued a Prehearing Conference Order which, among other things, directed the parties to file Prehearing Conference Memoranda on or before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026.

II. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

Peoples requests that Anthony D. Kanagy, Michael W. Gang, Hayley E. Wilburn, and Meagan Moore be listed on the service list on behalf of the Company. Their contact information is provided below:

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Hayley Wilburn will be the primary attorney speaking on behalf of Peoples for the purposes of the Prehearing Conference. Peoples agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding. Further, to the extent that materials are available electronically, it is requested that copies be served upon Thomas Connolly at TConnolly@postschell.com, Brittney Corey at BCorey@postschell.com, Andrew P. Wachter at Andrew.Wachter@peoples-gas.com, Carol A. Scanlon at Carol.Scanlon@peoples-gas.com, and Krista Snyder at Krista.Snyder@peoples-gas.com.

III. WITNESSES AND ISSUES

Below is a list of the witnesses that Peoples intends to call in this proceeding and the subject areas of their testimony. Further definition of the issues will be developed by the parties during the course of this proceeding. Peoples reserves the right to call additional witnesses, present

testimony, or both on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Statement</u>	<u>General Subject Matter</u>
Michael Huwar President Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC 375 North Shore Drive Suite 600 Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Peoples Statement No. 1	Witness Overview; Filing Overview; and Principal Reasons for Filing.
Andrew P. Wachter Director, Finance and Regulation PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Peoples Statement No. 2	O&M Expenses and Tax Repairs Proposal.
Carol A. Scanlon Rates Manager PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Peoples Statement No. 3	Revenue Requirement for Non- Gas Costs; Universal Service Rider; and Miscellaneous Service Charge Fee Amounts.
Dawn M. Folks Finance and Rates Analyst PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Peoples Statement No. 4	Calculation of Historical and Projected Revenues and Rates for Competitive Accounts.
Ed Palombo Vice President, Reliability PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Peoples Statement No. 5	Gas Supply Plan; Gathering; and Safety Programs and Performance.

<p>Paul Becker Vice President, Construction and Engineering PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 6</p>	<p>Capital Pipeline Work Programs.</p>
<p>Angela Jiang Vice President, Tax PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 7</p>	<p>Tax Calculations and Information; Net Operating Loss; Tax Repairs; and Corporate Net Income Tax Rate.</p>
<p>Luke Ravenstahl Vice President, Sales and Marketing PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 8</p>	<p>Negotiated Contracts and Appliance Rebate Pilot Proposal.</p>
<p>Joyce Mitole Controller PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 9</p>	<p>Accounting Filing Requirements and Accounting Record Maintenance.</p>
<p>Rita Black Director of Customer Service Programs PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 10</p>	<p>Universal Service Programs and Implementation.</p>
<p>Rudolph Hanechak Financial Analysis and Budget Manager PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 11</p>	<p>Taxes Other Than Income Tax.</p>

<p>Nick Tufaralo Manager, Asset Accounting PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 12</p>	<p>Rate Base.</p>
<p>Krista Snyder Rates Analyst PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 13</p>	<p>Proposed Tariff Changes.</p>
<p>Anton Ribich Finance and Rates Analyst PNG Companies LLC 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15212</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 14</p>	<p>Cash Working Capital.</p>
<p>Jennifer E. Nelson Vice President Concentric Energy Advisors 293 Boston Post Road West Suite 500 Marlborough, MA 01752</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 15</p>	<p>Rate of Return.</p>
<p>John Spanos President Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC 300 Sterling Parkway Mechanicsburg, PA 17050</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 16</p>	<p>Depreciation Study.</p>
<p>John Taylor Chief Executive Officer Atrium Economics, LLC 10 Hospital Center Commons Suite 400</p>	<p>Peoples Statement No. 17</p>	<p>Cost of Service Allocation Studies; Rate Design; and WNA Program.</p>

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The testimony and exhibits fully support Peoples' proposed rate increase. The Company reserves the right to present testimony on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

IV. DISCOVERY

To date, the Company has received multiple sets of interrogatories from the parties and has been responding to them. Peoples also encourages the use of informal discovery processes as the proceeding progresses.

Peoples understands that OCA is proposing discovery modifications in this proceeding. Peoples takes issue with one aspect of OCA's proposed discovery modifications, which is that requests for admission should be deemed admitted unless answered or objected to within three (3) calendar days of service after rebuttal is served. Peoples submits that the time for answering or objecting to requests for admission should be five (5) calendar days of service after rebuttal is served. The five (5) calendar days would match the time for answering or objecting to requests for production, which is also five (5) calendar days.

Peoples does not oppose the remainder of OCA's modifications with one clarification. For those discovery requests that were served on or before April 27, 2026, Peoples will use best efforts to answer those requests within 10 calendar days of the Prehearing Conference date. Peoples is not aware of any outstanding discovery disputes. Peoples is willing to work with the parties, through informal discovery, to expedite the discovery process. The protection of confidential information is addressed in Section VII., below.

V. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Peoples has consulted with counsel for the other parties about a proposed procedural schedule; the parties have not yet reached an agreement on the procedural schedule. The Company proposes the following schedule:

Prehearing Conference:	April 28, 2026
Other Parties' Direct Testimony:	June 11, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony:	July 13, 2026
Surrebuttal Testimony:	July 23, 2026
Rejoinder Testimony:	July 27, 2026
Hearings:	July 29-31, 2026
Main Briefs:	August 25, 2026
Reply Briefs:	September 4, 2026

VI. PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

It is Peoples understanding that OCA is proposing that public input hearings be held during the first week of June. The Company does not oppose OCA's request. The Company supports holding the public input hearings in advance of the due date for other parties' direct testimony, so that the testimony provided at the public input hearings can be reflected in other parties' direct testimony.

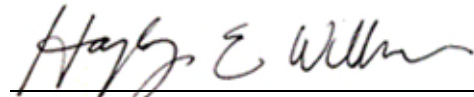
VII. PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Peoples will submit a Motion for Protective Order for consideration by the ALJ. Peoples will seek the concurrence of the other parties as to the form of the Protective Order before submitting the Motion.

VIII. SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

To date, no settlement discussions have been held. However, Peoples will be working with the parties in an effort to resolve these proceedings through settlement.

Respectfully submitted,



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