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April 22, 2026

Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building, Second floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Peoples Natural Gas Rate Increase [R-2026-3060855](#)

Dear Chairman DeFrank,

I am writing to request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) hold an in-person public hearing within Senate District 38 on the Peoples Natural Gas proposed increase of \$163 million (approximately 13.8%) in annual operating revenues for natural gas distribution service.

Peoples Gas serves over 700,000 people, many of whom live and work in my Senate District. With the continued increase in utility costs across the board, these people deserve to have their voices heard on this matter. Like others across the Commonwealth, my constituents have borne the weight of multiple rate increases, with the most recent one in 2024. As families continue to grapple with rising costs, increased instability at the federal level, and continued attempts to cut human services programs, these routine rate increases are pushing basic needs further out of reach.

While I appreciate that the PUC previously held its in-person hearings in Monroeville and Butler in the 2024 Peoples Natural Gas rate case, traveling to these hearing locations would be difficult for many of my constituents, especially those who rely on public transportation. And while attending telephonic hearings remains an option, my constituents deserve the opportunity to make their voices heard in person.

I would be happy to speak with you further about securing a location within the District if that would be helpful.

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Thank you for considering this request to hold an in-person public hearing for the Peoples Natural Gas proposed increase within Senate District 38. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey M. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Lindsey M. Williams  
State Senator, 38<sup>th</sup> District