

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,  
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

C-2024-3050319

v.

Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC

**OPINION AND ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is the Petition to Amend (Petition) filed by Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples or the Company) on April 24, 2026. In the Petition, Peoples requests the amendment of the Commission's Opinion and Order entered March 26, 2026

(*March 2026 Order*) to request an additional 30-day timeframe to comply with Ordering Paragraph No. 7 therein.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 7, Peoples is required to make a \$50,000 donation to the Tyrone, PA, area fire departments for the purchase and distribution of methane detectors within 30 days as follows:

7. That Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC shall make a donation in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Tyrone, PA, area fire departments for the purchase and distribution of methane detectors to local businesses and residents. Said donation shall be made within thirty (30) days of date of entry of the final Commission Order in this proceeding, and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC shall notify the Commission's Secretary, once said donation is made. The donation shall not be passed through as an additional charge to Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC's customers in Pennsylvania.

In its Petition, Peoples requests that the compliance timeframe for the donation be extended to sixty days. No Party has filed an Answer to the Petition. However, Peoples avers that it has communicated the request to I&E which stated that it does not oppose Peoples' Petition. For the reasons discussed below, we shall approve Peoples' unopposed Petition.

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<sup>1</sup> Our *March 2026 Order* approved the Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement) between Peoples and the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) which resolved allegations raised in I&E's Formal Complaint against the Company regarding actions relative to a natural gas explosion occurring on July 26, 2021, in the Borough of Tyrone, PA. For a summary of the History of the Proceeding, the Settlement provisions, the Recommended Decision (R.D.), the Exceptions to the R.D., and our Dispositions thereto, see the *March 2026 Order* at 3-68.

## 1. Legal Standards

With respect to petitions for rehearing, reconsideration, rescission, and amendment of Commission orders, the Public Utility Code (Code) establishes a party's right to seek relief within fifteen days following the service of a Commission order pursuant to Subsection 703(f). 66 Pa.C.S. § 703(f) (relating to rehearing). Upon the filing of a petition for relief pursuant to Section 703(f), the Commission may affirm, rescind, or modify its original order. 66 Pa.C.S. § 703(f). The Code further provides that the Commission may, at any time, after notice and opportunity to be heard by all affected parties, rescind or amend any order made by the Commission, pursuant to Section 703(g). 66 Pa.C.S. § 703(g) (relating to rescission and amendment of orders). A request for relief pursuant to § 703(f) or § 703(g) must be brought as a petition for relief consistent with Section 5.572 of Commission Regulations. 52 Pa. Code § 5.572 (relating to petitions for relief).

Petitions for relief predicated upon Sections 703(f) and 703(g) of the Code, whether brought under Section 5.572(c) of Commission Regulations as a petition for reconsideration, rehearing, reargument, clarification, supersedeas, or others within fifteen days of the service of a Commission order, or under Section 5.572(d) as a petition for rescission or amendment filed at any time following service of a Commission order, are reviewed by the Commission as matters seeking relief falling within the agency's discretion.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Ordinarily, the Commission applies a two-step analysis in determining whether to exercise our discretion to grant a petition for amendment, reconsideration, or rescission as set forth in *Philip Duick, et al. v. Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company*, 56 Pa. P.U.C. 553 (1982) (*Duick*). Here, Peoples avers that it needs more time to satisfy the donation timeframe provision included in the *March 2026 Order*. Accordingly, for purposes of the *Duick* analysis, we find that the Company has set forth a new argument not previously considered and we shall exercise our discretion to consider the relief requested by Peoples.

## 2. Petition and Disposition

As set forth above, Peoples requests an additional 30 days in which to comply with Ordering Paragraph No. 7 as follows:

7. That Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC shall a make a donation in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Tyrone, PA, area fire departments for the purchase and distribution of methane detectors to local businesses and residents. Said donation shall be made within ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** days of date of entry of the final Commission Order in this proceeding, and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC shall notify the Commission's Secretary, once said donation is made. The donation shall not be passed through as an additional charge to Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC's customers in Pennsylvania.

Petition at 1.

Peoples filed its Petition on April 24, 2026, which was prior to the expiration of the thirty-day compliance period set forth in Ordering Paragraph No. 7. No Party has filed an Answer to the Petition, and the Company asserts that I&E does not object to the Company's request. Given the limited extension timeframe requested and the fact that I&E does not oppose Petition, we shall exercise our discretion to amend Ordering Paragraph No. 7 as set forth in the Petition and as noted above.

Accordingly, we shall grant Peoples's Petition, consistent with this Opinion and Order; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

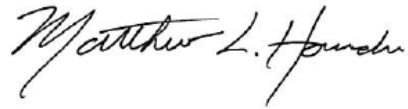
1. That Petition of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC to Amend the Commission's Opinion and Order entered on March 26, 2026, is granted, consistent with this Opinion and Order.

2. That Ordering Paragraph No. 7, of the Commission's Opinion and Order entered on March 26, 2026, is amended to read as follows:

7. That Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC shall make a donation in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Tyrone, PA, area fire departments for the purchase and distribution of methane detectors to local businesses and residents. Said donation shall be made within sixty (60) days of entry and the final Commission Order in this proceeding, and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC shall notify the Commission's Secretary, once said donation is made. The donation shall not be passed through as an additional charge to Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC's customers in Pennsylvania.

3. That upon compliance with the Ordering Paragraphs set forth in the Commission's Opinion and Order entered on March 26, 2026, as amended by this Opinion and Order, the above-captioned matter shall be marked closed.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: May 12, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: May 12, 2026