

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	
	:	R-2026-3060165
v.	:	C-2026-3060269
	:	C-2026-3060885
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	
1307(f) Proceeding	:	

INTERIM ORDER

Admitting Prepared Written Testimony
Into the Hearing Record and
Suspending the Litigation Schedule

On January 30, 2026, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples, PNG or the Company) submitted information related to purchases from an affiliated interest that is required, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.65, to be filed 60 days prior to the filing of a tariff under 66 Pa. C.S. § 1307(f). On April 1, 2026, pursuant to Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code, the Company filed a Pro Forma Supplement with proposed changes to the Peoples Retail Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 48 and the Peoples Supplier Tariff No. S-4, specifying the proposed tariff rate for recovery of purchased gas costs, to become effective on October 1, 2026. This filing was docketed at R-2026-3060165.¹

In the tariff supplement, Peoples Natural Gas proposed a decrease of \$2.1297 per Mcf, or -14.5%, in the Residential rate for Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples Natural Gas or PNG), for recovery of purchased gas costs applicable to residential sales service customers. The proposed rates, if approved by the Commission, would produce a decrease in the annual Residential rate from the current \$1,466 to the proposed \$1,283, or -12.5%, for Peoples' customers.

¹ See the Pro Forma Supplement attached to Peoples Natural Gas Exhibit 5 in the Company's Initial Filing.

A Notice of Intervention or Appearance was filed by the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BIE), and formal complaints were filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA).

The presiding officers conducted the prehearing conference on April 13, 2026, with the following parties present and represented by counsel: Peoples, BIE, OCA and OSBA. At the prehearing conference, the parties considered issues raised by the filings, discussed prehearing matters and established a litigation schedule. Thereafter, the presiding officers issued the prehearing order on April 14, 2026, which memorialized the matters discussed, decided and agreed to by the parties during the prehearing conference.

Following the prehearing conference on April 13, 2026, the representatives from the utility company, BIE, OCA, and OSBA participated in informal discussions with each other. On May 6, 2026, counsel for the utility advised the presiding officers that all parties had reached an agreement in principle which would resolve all issues, and the parties did not believe an evidentiary hearing was needed.

On May 13, 2026, counsel for the utility filed the Joint Stipulation for Admission of Evidence (Joint Stipulation), on behalf of all the parties. In the Joint Stipulation, the parties requested a suspension of the procedural schedule, pending receipt of the signed settlement agreement. The parties also waived all cross-examination and requested the presiding officers admit the prepared written testimony and exhibits. The Joint Stipulation did not include signed affidavits from the witnesses who provided testimony.

On May 19, 2026, the parties filed a Revised Joint Stipulation for Admission of Evidence (Revised Joint Stipulation) and included the affidavits of the witnesses who provided testimony.

AND NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The litigation schedule, last established on April 14, 2026, is suspended;
2. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for May 18, 2026, was cancelled;
3. A fully executed joint settlement agreement, accompanied by substantive Statements in Support submitted by all signatories, shall be submitted on or before noon on Friday, June 12, 2026;
4. Each signatory shall submit its Statement in Support to the presiding officers (in Word format) provided the Statement in Support is submitted on or before noon on June 12, 2026;
5. The documentation, pre-served previously, is marked as follows, and is admitted into evidence, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.403(a)(1) and §5.404:

Peoples Natural Gas Statement No. 1	Direct Testimony of Carol A. Scanlon
Peoples Natural Gas Statement No. 2	Direct Testimony of Steven P. Kolich
	With Peoples Natural Gas Exhibit Nos. 1 (partial), 4, 6 (partial), 7 (partial) and 8 (partial).
Peoples Natural Gas Statement No. 3	Direct Testimony of Dawn M. Folks
	With Peoples Natural Gas Exhibit Nos. 5, 6 (partial), 7 (partial), 8 (partial), 9, 10, 11 and 12.
Peoples Natural Gas Statement No. 4	Direct Testimony of Anton Ribich
	With Peoples Natural Gas Exhibit No. 1 (partial).
Peoples Natural Gas Statement No. 5	Direct Testimony of Scott Orkis
	With Peoples Natural Gas Exhibit Nos. 13 and 14.

6. Peoples Natural Gas Company shall submit separately one copy of the prepared written testimony, statements and/or exhibits listed above, plus affidavits or

verifications signed by the witness, to the Secretary's Bureau for filing, along with a copy of this Order, on or before noon on Friday, June 12, 2026.

7. The joint settlement shall include, at a minimum, the following information for four rate classes (residential; small general service; medium general service; large general service): average annual usage (in Mcf); existing or current tariff rates; proposed gas cost; percent change (between existing and proposed); settled-upon gas cost; percent change (between existing and settled-upon); annual bill currently; annual bill as-filed proposed; and annual bill as settled-upon.

Date: May 19, 2026

_____/s/
Katrina L. Dunderdale
Administrative Law Judge

Date: May 19, 2026

_____/s/
Ann Quimby
Administrative Law Judge

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