

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2026-3062192
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2026-3062304
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v.	:	
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UGI Utilities, Inc. – Gas Division	:	

PREHEARING ORDER

UGI Gas is a natural gas distribution company with gross intrastate annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1307(f), and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) gas cost recovery regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.61-53.69, the Company initiated this annual proceeding to propose purchase gas cost (“PGC”) rates to become effective on December 1, 2026.

On May 1, 2026, the Company made its 30-day pre-filing with the Commission (containing data related to the recovery of purchased gas costs) pursuant to Section 1307(f) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1307(f), and in accordance with the Commission’s regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.64 and 53.65.

On May 7, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed a Formal Complaint and Public Statement.

On May 8, 2026, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On May 15, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On June 1, 2026, UGI Gas filed its definitive PGC filing, including supporting information required by the Commission's regulations, the Company's direct testimony and exhibits and Pro Forma Tariff Supplement reflecting actual and projected changes in natural gas costs. UGI Gas is proposing a PGC rate of \$7.7727 per Mcf, effective December 1, 2026. UGI Gas is providing customer notice of the proposed PGC rates by way of bill insert, which is expected to be completed by June 15, 2026.

On June 5, 2026, a Hearing Notice was issued which established a telephonic prehearing conference for this matter on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. In addition, a Prehearing Conference Order, which set forth rules that would govern the prehearing conference, was also issued.

On June 9, 2026, the OSBA filed a Formal Complaint and Public Statement.

On June 10, 2026, UGI, OCA, OSBA and I&E filed their respective prehearing memorandums.

The prehearing conference convened as scheduled on June 12, 2026. The following parties were present and represented by the following counsel: Lindsay A. Berstreser, Esquire, Alice Wade, Esquire, Candis A. Tunilo, Esquire for UGI; Olivia M. Spergel, Esquire, Harrison W. Breitman, Esquire for OCA; Steven C. Gray, Esquire, for OSBA; and Adam J. Williams, Esquire for I&E.

This Prehearing Order sets forth the procedural matters addressed during the Prehearing Conference.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That all Formal Complaints filed against the PGC filing are consolidated with docket number R-2026-3062192 for purposes of Commission investigation and disposition.
2. That the active parties of record as of the date of this Prehearing Order are UGI Gas, OCA, OSBA and I&E.
3. That any party that did not appear at the June 12, 2026 Prehearing Conference will be treated as an inactive participant to this proceeding. Inactive participants will receive our written orders, notices of hearings and copies of any Commission decisions and orders. Inactive participants will not participate in discovery, testify at the evidentiary hearing, cross-examine witnesses, or file briefs. Inactive parties may testify at public input hearings. Inactive participants will not receive copies of the hearing exhibits or briefs filed by the active participants. Any participant entering their appearance after the June 12, 2026 Prehearing Conference must designate whether they want to be treated as an active participant in writing to us and the current participants of record; otherwise, said party will be treated as an inactive participant.
4. That the active parties shall receive all documents and shall copy all other active parties on documents they file with the Commission or serve on us. The active parties are expected to conduct discovery, attend hearings, or present or cross-examine witnesses, as appropriate. The active parties shall serve the documents so that the documents are received in-hand by the active parties and us no later than 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed. Active parties may serve the documents via e-mail to meet this requirement. Active parties shall not file testimony with the Commission but shall file a certificate of service.

5. That our informal e-mail distribution list for the active parties in this proceeding is as follows. Any changes or corrections should be communicated to us, via e-mail, as soon as possible.

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6. That the following litigation schedule is adopted for this proceeding:

Non-Company Direct Testimony	July 1, 2026
All parties' Rebuttal Testimony	July 15, 2026
All parties' Surrebuttal Testimony	July 22, 2026
Witness List, Rejoinder, Master List of Exhibits	July 27, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing	July 29, 2026
Main Briefs	August 11, 2026
Reply Briefs	August 21, 2026

7. That the July 29, 2026 evidentiary hearings will be held in-person in Harrisburg and will commence at 10:00 a.m. An evidentiary hearing notice will be issued and published on the Commission's website.

8. That the evidentiary hearing in this matter constitutes a formal legal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, as well as the rules of evidence as applied to administrative hearings.

9. That written testimony shall comply with the requirements of 52 Pa.Code § 5.412 and shall be marked with numerical, sequential statement numbers.

10. That any motions with respect to, or objections to, written testimony must be presented in writing no later than three days prior to the day that the witness sponsoring that testimony is scheduled to testify. Answers to such motions or objections may be filed within three days or sooner if circumstances warrant. Oral motions, other than for good cause, shall not be accepted.

11. That all parties shall comply with the provisions of 52 Pa.Code § 5.243(e) which prohibits the introduction of evidence during rebuttal which should have been included in the party's case-in-chief, or which substantially varies from the party's case-in-chief, unless the party is introducing evidence in support of a proposed settlement.

12. That discovery shall be conducted according to the Commission's rules and regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.321 *et seq*, subject to the following modifications:

- A. Answers to written interrogatories and requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served in-hand within ten (10) calendar days of service.
- B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories; unresolved objections shall be served in writing to the propounding party within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.
- C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of written objections.

- D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.
- E. Requests for admissions will be deemed admitted unless answered within ten (10) calendar days or objected to within five (5) calendar days of service.
- F. Answers to on-the-record data requests shall be served in-hand within five (5) calendar days of the requests.
- G. Any discovery or discovery-related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day before a holiday will be deemed to have been served on the next business day for purposes of calculating the due date for any responsive filing.

After Non-Company Direct Testimony is served:

- A. Answers to interrogatories and responses to requests for document production, entry for inspection, or other purposes shall be served within five (5) calendar days of service of the interrogatories or requests for production.
- B. Objections to interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be communicated orally to the propounding party within two (2) calendar days of service; unresolved objections shall be served on the propounding party in writing within three (3) calendar days of service of the interrogatories and/or requests for production.
- C. Motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of written objections.
- D. Answers to motions to dismiss objections and/or direct the answering of interrogatories and/or requests for production shall be filed within three (3) business days of service of such motions.
- E. Requests for admission shall be deemed admitted unless answered or objected to within three (3) calendar days of service.

- F. Discovery requests and discovery related pleadings (such as objections, motions, and answers to same) served after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or after 1:30 p.m. on a Friday or the day preceding a holiday shall be deemed to have been served on the next business day.

13. That the parties shall conduct discovery pursuant to 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.321-5.373, as modified above. The parties are encouraged to cooperate and exchange information on an informal basis. The parties shall cooperate rather than engage in numerous or protracted discovery disagreements that require formal resolution. All motions to compel shall contain a certification by counsel setting forth the informal discovery undertaken and their efforts to resolve their discovery disputes informally. If a motion to compel does not contain this certification, the parties will be directed to pursue informal discovery. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa.Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.372.

14. That the parties shall stipulate to any matters they reasonably can to expedite this proceeding, lessen the burden of time and expenses in litigation on all parties and conserve administrative hearing resources. 52 Pa .Code §§ 5.232 and 5.234.

15. That the parties should do their best to avoid the use of **Confidential Security Information (CSI)**, as defined by 35 P.S. § 2141 et seq., in this proceeding. Where possible, the parties should develop alternative means of introducing information into the record, such as joint stipulations or redaction when proposing testimony or exhibits. If the parties cannot avoid the use of CSI, the parties are to contact the presiding ALJs in advance of any submission, and prior to the evidentiary hearing.

16. That the parties must comply with 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.501, *et seq.*, regarding the preparation and filing of briefs. 52 Pa. Code § 5.501(e) requires that “[b]riefs shall be as concise as possible.” **All briefs must be written pursuant to an identical outline.** Service of briefs can be made electronically by no later than 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed. Parties are directed to e-mail to us a copy of as-filed briefs in ADOBE or other compatible PDF format in

addition to a WORD-formatted document. The format of the briefs served electronically on the parties may be as requested by the parties.

17. That all briefs, regardless of length, must contain:

- A. A table of contents;
- B. A history of the proceeding;
- C. A discussion;
- D. Proposed findings of fact (with record citations to transcript pages or exhibits where supporting evidence appears);
- E. Proposed conclusions of law (with citations to supporting statutes, regulations or relevant case law); and
- F. Proposed ordering paragraphs specifically identifying the relief sought.

18. That we will issue a briefing order with further instructions following the evidentiary hearing in this case.

19. That the parties are to confer amongst themselves in an attempt to resolve all or some of the issues associated with this proceeding. The parties are reminded it is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). The parties are strongly urged to seriously explore this possibility. If a settlement is reached, a joint settlement petition executed by representatives of all parties to be bound thereby, together with statements in support of settlement by all signatory parties, must be filed with the Secretary for the Commission and served on us.

20. That the parties shall comply with the procedural rules and regulations discussed herein.

21. That any provision of this order may be modified upon motion and good cause shown by any party in interest in accordance with 52 Pa.Code § 5.223(a).

Date: June 22, 2026

/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Barbara Shadie Nause
Administrative Law Judge

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