



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING
400 NORTH STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

September 4, 2026

TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

RE: *Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC*, Docket No. R-2026-3060855

Dear Parties:

On March 27, 2026, Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, filed proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations. Thereafter, numerous parties filed complaints against the proposed rate increase. On April 16, 2026, the Commission entered an Order instituting an investigation to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. 49 and Original Tariff Gas – Pa PUC No. S-5. This matter is still currently pending before the Commission.

On August 26, 2026, the Commission received a letter from State Representative Frank Burns. Representative Burns's letter was addressed to Commission Chairman, Stephen DeFrank. Representative Burns's letter contains statements and additional averments regarding the issues being litigated in the above-referenced case.

Because the subject matter of Representative Burns's letter concerns the merits of a contested matter still pending before the Commission for final consideration, Representative Burns's letter constitutes an *ex parte* communication prohibited by Section 334(c) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 334(c). Accordingly, please be advised that, in order to cure the *ex parte* communication, I am placing Representative Burns's Letter on the docket and serving a copy of this Secretarial Letter and Representative Burns's letter on all the Parties of Record to this case.

Sincerely,


Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

cc: Office of Administrative Law Judge
Office of Legislative Affairs