

**BEFORE
THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2026-3060855
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2026-3061455
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2026-3061593
Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and	:	C-2026-3061685
Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania	:	
Jonathan Visser	:	C-2026-3063372
Christopher Kelley	:	C-2026-3063787
Ben B. Troyer Jr.	:	C-2025-3059337
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v.	:	
	:	
Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC	:	

ERRATA NOTICE

This Errata Notice is to advise all parties of record that Administrative Law Judge Charece Z. Collins’ Recommended Decision served on October 2, 2026 contains a typographical error in the first paragraph, second sentence of Page 42. The words “...was not provided...” has been changed to read “...was provided...”.

Please find the corrected page attached to this Errata.

The Recommended Decision on the PA PUC website will be corrected as indicated above. This correction will not affect the exception dates established by the Secretary Letter dated October 2, 2026.

The Discussion Section that follows is divided into various major sections addressing specific issues and various sub issues. A common base rate briefing outline was provided by all Parties as ordered and argued issues addressed by the Parties. The undersigned presiding officer has used her best efforts to organize and address the positions of the Parties. The ALJ's recommended disposition is included at the end of each major category. If a Party did not address a certain category, that Party is not mentioned under that category.

A. Legal Standards

In a rate case, it is axiomatic that the burden of proof to demonstrate the rates sought are just and reasonable lies squarely on the utility proposing the rates rather than a party challenging the implementation of those rates.¹ Public utilities have the burden to establish the justness and reasonableness of every element of their rate increase proposals in all proceedings conducted under Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code. 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d). Moreover, “[p]ursuant to Section 102 of the [Public Utility] Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 102, a public utility’s rates include, *inter alia*, every individual charge that utility demands for any service offered, rendered, or furnished by the utility, whether received directly or indirectly.”²

The standard of proof, which a public utility must meet, is set forth in Section 315(a) of the Public Utility Code (Code), 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 315(a), which specifies that, “[i]n any proceeding upon the motion of the Commission, involving any proposed or existing rate of any public utility, or in any proceeding upon complaint involving any

¹ See 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 315(a); see also, *Lower Frederick Twp. v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm’n*, 409 A.2d 505, 507 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1980); *Brockway Glass v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm’n*, 437 A.2d 1067 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1981).

² *Metro. Edison Co. v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm’n*, 22 A.3d 353, 359 (Pa.Cmwlth. 2011) (underline added for emphasis) (citing 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 102).