

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Investigation into the Natural Gas Supply)
Market: Report to the General Assembly on) Docket Nos. I-00040103
Competition in Pennsylvania's Retail Natural) I-00040103F0002
Gas Supply Market)

**T. W. PHILLIPS GAS AND OIL CO.'S NOTICE OF
PARTICIPATION AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF JANUARY 20, 2006
REGARDING THE NATURAL GAS STAKEHOLDERS WORKING GROUP**

T. W. Phillips Gas and Oil Co. ("T. W. Phillips") a gas distribution company based in Butler, Pennsylvania, hereby submits its response to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (the "Commission") Notice of January 20, 2006, in the above-captioned matter, which Notice seeks comments and the participation plans of parties interested in the initial meetings of the Natural Gas Stakeholders' Working Group to be held in Harrisburg on March 30, 2006.

A. Comments

Recognizing the practical difficulties associated with the Commission's effort to organize the numerous issues raised in its Report to the General Assembly on Retail Gas Competition, T. W. Phillips has no objection to the three Subgroups which have been established or to the manner in which the issues have been assigned to each. T. W. Phillips would recommend, however, that consideration be given to assigning the three "Miscellaneous Issues" to Subgroups also, rather than having those issues addressed by public comment only. In that regard, since some aspects of the 'Miscellaneous Issues' are likely to be addressed in the context of one or another Subgroup's discussions of related issues anyway, T. W. Phillips would propose to assign the three 'Miscellaneous Issues' to the following Subgroups, so they will receive the same level of attention as the others:

<u>Miscellaneous Issues</u>	<u>Subgroup</u>
NGDC Promotion of Competition	Customer Interface (CI) Subgroup
Sustained Commission Leadership in Competitive Markets	Cost of Service (CS) Subgroup
Code of Conduct	Inter-Company Activity (IA) Subgroup

B. Notice of Participation

T. W. Phillips requests that the following representatives be permitted to participate as members of the designated Subgroups in any meetings which take place on March 30th and thereafter:

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