

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
	:	
v.	:	R-2016-2580030
	:	
UGI Penn Natural Gas, Inc.	:	

**COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM**

I. HISTORY

The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) intervened in this matter by Petition to Intervene filed on February 13, 2017. CEO is a not-for-profit corporation and is an advocate for its clients – the low-income population of Luzerne County. CEO has intervened in prior matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the purpose of addressing a company’s universal service programs and the effects of any requested rate increases on low-income customers. CEO intervened in this particular matter to examine the effects of the proposed rate increase and rate design on low-income customers and to address whether the Company’s universal service programs will be appropriately funded and available as a result of this request.

II. ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED BY CEO

1. Whether the Company’s universal service programs are appropriately funded and available and whether those programs will remain appropriately funded and available if the request for a rate increase is granted.

2. The effect of any proposed rate increase and/or rate design on the residential customer class and particularly low-income, residential customers and their ability to conserve and lower their bills.

3. Such other additional issues as may arise during the discovery process.

III. WITNESSES

CEO will present the testimony of Eugene M. Brady, Executive Director of CEO, to address the issues above-described.

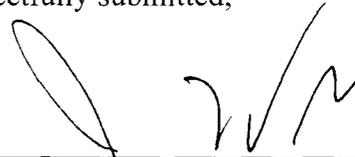
IV. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

CEO will work with the other parties for an agreed upon schedule to be presented to the Administrative Law Judge.

V. SETTLEMENT

CEO will be open to settlement discussions as this matter proceeds.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certified that he served a copy of the foregoing Commission on Economic Opportunity's Pre-Hearing Conference Memorandum upon the following participants as indicated on this 16th day of February, 2017:

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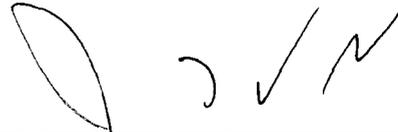
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