

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Proposed Rulemaking: Natural Gas  
Distribution Company Business Practices;  
52 Pa. Code § 62.225.

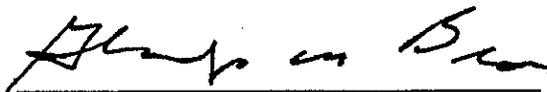
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Docket No. L-2017-2619223

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

Before the Commission is the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) pertaining to the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 62.225. This ANOPR, *inter alia*, proposes modifications to the manner and protocol in which natural gas distribution companies (NGDCs) recover the costs for capacity. Here the Commission proposes to have NGDCs recover capacity costs from all customers, regardless of shopping status, on a non-bypassable basis. I encourage parties, to the extent interested, to comment on any potential implementation challenges that may arise from this proposal and any appropriate courses of action to overcome such implementation challenges.

I am pleased to propose these steps as a continuation of the efforts commenced under the Commission's Natural Gas – Retail Markets Investigation. I am cognizant these proposed changes represent a significant change in NGDC operations. As such, I support the use of the ANOPR process in effort to thoroughly deliberate the proposals included in this proceeding. I look forward to reviewing all comments.

August 31, 2017  
Date

  
Gladys M. Brown, Chairman