

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105**

**PETITION FOR INTERLOCUTORY
REVIEW, ANSWER TO A MATERIAL
QUESTION AND CERTIFICATION
OF THE RECORD OF THE PEOPLES
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, d/b/a
DOMINION PEOPLES AND DOMINION
RESOURCES, INC.**

**Public Meeting November 19, 2009
2063737-OSA
Docket No. A-2008-2063737**

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
VICE CHAIRMAN TYRONE CHRISTY AND
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Before the Commission today for consideration is the Petition of the Peoples Natural Gas Company ("PNGC") and Dominion Resources for Interlocutory Review, Answer to a Material Question, and Certification of the Record. In essence, though, we are ruling on the Application of Peoples Hope Gas Company ("PHGC") and PNGC which seeks approval of the purchase of PNGC by PHGC, and the Joint Settlement modifying that Application.

In our view, the proposed deal structure approved today presents the Commonwealth with some unique opportunities. In addition to the benefits that will be attained through PHGC's investment and corporate citizenship practices in Pennsylvania, the company has also committed to returning PNGC's call center, customer billing and payment, and customer relations services to the state, which will bring many needed jobs to the Pittsburgh region.

However, we wish to make it clear that we expect this company to be managed locally, and to be a good corporate citizen. Further, we expect a meaningful investment to be made back into the state by PHGC's corporate parent.

In closing, we would like to stress that we do not just sign off on deal structures of this magnitude without proper due diligence, and so we wish to thank Kirk House and the Office of Special Assistants and all parties to the case for their tireless efforts on this important matter.

**TYRONE J. CHRISTY
VICE CHAIRMAN**

**ROBERT F. POWELSON
COMMISSIONER**

DATE: November 19, 2009