**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission **:** R-2013-2355886

Office of Small Business Advocate **:** C-2013-2364669

Office of Consumer Advocate **:** C-2013-2364471

Dawn B. Spielvogel **:**  C-2013-2364680

Charles Glendening **:** C-2013-2369476

Neil Cooper **:** C-2013-2369509

Susan Hilliard **:** C-2013-2370725

Megan Rummel **:** C-2013-2370735

Carol George **:** C-2013-2370736

Kathleen Tack **:** C-2013-2371780

Lawrence Sumansky **:** C-2013-2371794

Amy and John Beiler **:** C-2013-2371818

Gertrude C. Blair **:** C-2013-2372633

Tim Oesterling **:** C-2013-2373589

**:**

v. **:**

**:**

Peoples TWP LLC **:**

**INTERIM ORDER**

On April 30, 2013, Peoples TWP LLC (Peoples TWP) filed original Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce approximately $18.7 million in additional annualrevenues, which is an overall increase of 22.8%. Peoples TWP’s proposed general rate increase is based on the fully forecasted rate year authorized by Act 11, ending January 31, 2015, and is designed to allow Peoples TWP an opportunity to earn an overall rate of return of 7.97%, including an 11.25% return on common equity. Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 8 was filed to become effective on June 29, 2013. The Public Utility Commission (Commission) docketed this proceeding at R-2013-2355886.

On June 13, 2013, the Commission suspended the filing by operation of law, pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S.A. 1308(d), for seven months, or until January 29, 2014, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date. On June 21, 2013, the Administrative Law Judge held a prehearing conference in this proceeding at which the parties addressed various matters including scheduling the evidentiary hearings. On June 24, 2013, the Administrative Law Judge issued the Prehearing Order which established September 18, 2013 through September 20, 2013 as the dates for the evidentiary hearings in these proceedings.

On June 25, 2013, the Office of Administrative Law Judge issued the Hearing Notice which scheduled the evidentiary hearings to commence at 9:00 a.m. on each day from September 18, 2013 through September 20, 2013 in Hearing Room 4 in the Keystone Building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Hearing Notice was mailed to all the parties listed on the service list.

On September 10, 2013, the Administrative Law Judge informed the active parties that, due to a personal emergency, the Administrative Law Judge would be unable to travel to Harrisburg in order to conduct the evidentiary hearings.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule and other matters set forth in the Prehearing Order dated June 24, 2013 remain in effect.

2. That the location for the evidentiary hearings scheduled to be conducted in Harrisburg on September 18, 2013 through September 20, 2013 has been changed.

3. That all parties who wish to present evidence and/or cross-examine witnesses shall appear via video-conferencing technology in the Commission’s Executive Chamber, located on the third floor-north wall of the Keystone Building.

4. That the Administrative Law Judge shall conduct the evidentiary hearings via video-conferencing technology from the Commission’s Conference Room located in the Piatt Place, Suite 220, 301 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

5. That any party who would prefer to appear in the Commission’s Conference Room in the Pittsburgh offices shall notify the Administrative Law Judge in writing by noon on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 and shall serve a copy of the writing upon all other parties.

6. That the evidentiary hearings shall commence at 9:00 a.m. each day.

Date: September 11, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Katrina L. Dunderdale

Administrative Law Judge

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