

An Overview Of The PUC Process In Pennsylvania

Using The PUC To Your Advantage

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Ways to Address Disputes with Gas Utilities

- Complaint
 - Tariffed Rates, Services or Practices
 - Rates, Services or Practices That Should Be Tariffed
- Intervention in Base Rate and Annual Section 1307(f) PGC Cases
- Intervention In Merger Applications
- Petition Re Generic Issues/Rulemaking

Gas Utility Proceedings

- Base Rate Cases – Voluntary – 9 Month Maximum
- Annual Section 1307(f) Purchased Gas Costs (PGC) Cases – 6 Month Maximum
 - February 1 – National Fuel & TW Phillips
 - April 1 – CPA, Peoples & Equitable Gas
 - June 1 – UGI companies (PPL Gas)

Gas Utility Proceedings

- Mergers – No Time Deadline
- New Rulemakings - SEARCH
(Stakeholders Exploring Avenues for Removing Competition Hurdles) Report
 - NGS Licensing & Bonding
 - NGDC Issues
 - Business Practices Issues

Issues

- Gas Supply Mix (Appalachian Supply v. Interstate Supply)
- Lost and Unaccounted for Gas (LUFGE) and Company Use Gas
- Transportation (Gathering) Practices & Tariffs, Rates & Retainage
- Access
 - New Meter Tap Procedures, Deadlines and Charges
 - Compression and Dehydration Facilities

Pros of Participating in PUC Proceedings

- Generally Resolved Faster Than Civil Proceedings
- PUC Understands Natural Gas Industry
- PUC Considers Policy Issues Including:
 - Economic Development
 - Jobs
 - Home Grown Businesses
- PUC Favors IOGA's Positions
- May Be Less Costly Than Civil Proceedings

Cons of Participating in PUC Proceedings

- PUC Favors Utilities' Positions
- May Provide Conclusive Findings for Civil Proceedings
- May Be More Costly Than Civil Proceedings
- PUC Cannot Award Damages