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4 SUCH OTHER BUSINESS

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6 August 12, 2025
10:08 a.m.

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9 Hybrid Meeting held on the
10 18th Floor - 1515 Arch Street
and Virtually via Teams

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12 BEFORE: CHRISTY BRADY, Chairwoman
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EVAN URBANIA (Via Teams)
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BILL RUBIN, Alternate
Commissioners

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1 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: The next item on
2 the agenda is such other business as may
3 properly be brought before the Commission.

4 Is there any other business to be
5 brought before this Commission?

6 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Madam Chair,
7 I would like to make a comment.

8 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: The Chair
9 recognizes Vice Chair Driscoll.

10 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Thank you for
11 the opportunity to speak.

12 As members of the Philadelphia Gas
13 Commission, we are committed to representing
14 the interests of everyone we serve,
15 especially the most vulnerable and hardest
16 hit by rising utility costs.

17 Just this past year Philadelphia's
18 residents and business owners have been
19 informed their water bills will go up by 18%
20 over the next two years. Their electric
21 bills already went up 10% in January and
22 another 13% in June.

23 As if recent double-digit rate hikes
24 weren't already difficult enough for

1 individuals and families to absorb in such a
2 short time, PGW's proposed 13% increase
3 would only intensify the financial strain
4 many are already facing.

5 This Commission is comprised of
6 experienced professionals who either
7 represent or work with Philadelphians of all
8 backgrounds and incomes daily.

9 I believe we and the Commission Staff
10 are an asset to PGW, not only to provide
11 oversight of its Capital Budget, but to be a
12 valuable, initial, informal resource for
13 collaboratively reviewing and analyzing rate
14 increases prior to going to the PUC.

15 Many constituents turn to us for help
16 in accessing programs that can ease the
17 burden of utility costs. We hear their
18 concerns, frustrations, and hardships. We
19 can ensure these important perspectives are
20 heard and work collaboratively with PGW and
21 PFMC in evaluating rate increases.

22 We recognize the operational
23 challenges PGW must address to maintain
24 reliable service. However, we cannot

1 overlook the real-world consequences of rate
2 increases on vulnerable households.

3 Many in our community are one
4 unexpected expense away from a financial
5 crisis: seniors on a fixed income, those
6 at the poverty level, and others.

7 We're committed to being a dependable
8 resource and hope that we can
9 collaboratively work with PGW, PFMC, and the
10 PUC as part of the rate review process.

11 Thank you, Madam Chair.

12 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: Thank you, Vice
13 Chair Driscoll.

14 I would also like to raise an issue
15 that we have been dealing with since I
16 became a Commissioner: the succession
17 planning for the Gas Works. This is a
18 matter that I have repeatedly asked about.

19 Despite multiple discussions with the
20 individuals who are responsible for filling
21 the vacancies, I have patiently waited for
22 the standard process to unfold and for the
23 normal course of business to address the
24 shortcomings.

1 While I have confidence in current
2 leadership and their commitment to the
3 Company's best interests, I am troubled by
4 the lack of senior officials in two
5 positions specifically. I have asked for
6 the COO and CFO roles to be filled on a
7 permanent basis.

8 The lack of a COO is particularly
9 concerning and especially critical because
10 the COO ensures that strategic plans are
11 understood and implemented in the day-to-day
12 operations of the Company and builds the
13 leadership bench needed for succession
14 planning. The absence of this position and
15 the lack of succession planning puts the
16 customers and the City at risk.

17 Historically, the COO position has
18 been filled by someone with extensive field
19 experience, typically an engineer or a
20 long-tenured gas operations employee with
21 decades of institutional knowledge and
22 real-world operational expertise; not merely
23 office-based management experience. That is
24 the caliber of leadership and experience we

1 need in this critical role.

2 As of today the only progress has
3 been the release of a vague RFP for a search
4 firm to fill C suite positions. This RFP
5 lacks key details, including clear
6 descriptions of the positions, firm
7 timelines, and other necessary hiring
8 criteria. This is unacceptable.

9 I am asking that the PFMC Board be
10 directed to immediately amend the RFP for a
11 search firm to fill both the COO and CFO
12 positions, ensuring it includes timelines,
13 well-defined role descriptions, and to share
14 the list of possible candidates with this
15 Commission as soon as this search is
16 complete.

17 Again, I trust the leadership and
18 appreciate their work. My goal is simply to
19 ensure continuity and operational leadership
20 and to establish a sound succession strategy
21 tailored to the unique demands of gas
22 service delivery.

23 Thank you.

24 Does anyone have anything else to

1 say?

2 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Controller
3 Brady, I would just like to say that we will
4 begin working on that directive, Commission
5 Staff will begin working on that directive,
6 right away.

7 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: Thank you.

8 MR. DASENT: Chairwoman Brady, on
9 behalf of PGW, I will take back to our
10 leadership your comments today and work with
11 our Executive Director and the PGC Staff to
12 put in place the requirements you just
13 stated.

14 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: Thank you,
15 Mr. Dasent.

16 There being no further business, I
17 direct the Gas Commission Staff and assigned
18 counsel from the Law Department to prepare
19 the necessary orders and resolutions that
20 result from today's meeting.

21 This meeting is adjourned.

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23 (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at
24 10:54 a.m.)

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