

PHILADELPHIA GAS COMMISSION

PGW'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL
OF JOINT PROPOSAL (800 BUILDING RENOVATIONS) -
INTERDEPARTMENTAL LINE TRANSFERS

October 14, 2025
10:13 a.m.

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

BEFORE: CHRISTY BRADY, Chairwoman
MIKE DRISCOLL
EVAN URBANIA
DOMINIC McGRAW
BILL RUBIN, Alternate
Commissioners

VERITEXT LEGAL SOLUTIONS
MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION

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4 Counsel to Philadelphia Gas Commission

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8 COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES, INC.
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10 Counsel to Public Advocate

11 PRESENT ON BEHALF OF PGC:

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13 Executive Director
14 HEIDI L. WUSHINSKE, ESQ.
15 Hearing Examiner

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17 Hearing Examiner
18 ANNA M. CORRADO ROWE
19 Senior Analyst

20 TIMOTHY MURTHA
21 Financial Analyst/Internal Auditor

22 PRESENT ON BEHALF OF PGW:

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Senior Attorney

PRESENT ON BEHALF OF CITY COUNCIL:

THOMAS P. FORKIN

6th District Chief of Staff

1 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Good morning.

2 This meeting is being held in a
3 hybrid format to enhance public
4 participation. Instructions for virtual
5 participation are included in the public
6 meeting notices and can be found on the Gas
7 Commission's website.

8 I would like to acknowledge the
9 presence of a quorum with the participation
10 of Vice Chair Driscoll and Commissioners
11 Urbania and McGraw.

12 I would like to have the agenda read,
13 marked, and entered into the record as Gas
14 Commission Exhibit #1.

15 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: "The
16 Philadelphia Gas Commission will hold its
17 regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday,
18 October 14th, at 10:00 a.m. in the
19 Commission's hearing room on the 18th Floor,
20 1515 Arch Street, Philadelphia,
21 Pennsylvania, with a virtual option for
22 those who cannot attend in person, for the
23 purposes of considering:

24 "1. The Philadelphia Gas Works'

1 request for approval of Joint Proposal (800
2 Building Renovations) - Interdepartmental
3 Line Transfers; and

4 "2. Such other business as may
5 properly be brought before this Commission.

6 "A link to the virtual meeting will
7 be posted on the Commission's website so as
8 to allow virtual attendees to participate.

9 "Christy Brady, Chair."

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11 (Whereupon PGC Exhibit #1 was marked
12 for identification purposes.)

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14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: The first item on
15 the agenda is PGW's Request for Proposal of
16 Joint Proposal (800 Building Renovations) -
17 Interdepartmental Line Item Transfers.

18 The procedural history of the request
19 for proposal of Joint Proposal (800 Building
20 Renovations) - Interdepartmental Line Item
21 Transfers review is detailed in the
22 Recommended Decision Memorandum.

23 PGW and the Public Advocate reached
24 agreement in this matter and submitted a

1 Joint Settlement Proposal, which shall be
2 marked as Gas Works Exhibit #1 and Public
3 Advocate Exhibit #1.

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5 (Whereupon Exhibit PGW #1 and Exhibit
6 PA #1 were marked for identification.)

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8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: On September 16th
9 Commission Staff issued a Recommended
10 Decision Memorandum summarizing the terms of
11 the Settlement Proposal and recommending its
12 approval, which will be marked as Gas
13 Commission Exhibit #2.

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15 (Whereupon Exhibit PGC #2 was marked
16 for identification.)

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18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I would like to ask
19 Executive Director McClendon to provide a
20 brief overview of the recommended line item
21 transfers.

22 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: On
23 August 21st, 2025, PGW and the Advocate
24 filed a Joint Proposal regarding funding for

1 PGW's 800 Building Renovations project.

2 In the proposal PGW requested two
3 interdepartmental transfers that would move
4 a total of \$4 million from two Field
5 Services line items to two 800 Building
6 Renovation line items.

7 These transfers will be off limits as
8 a source of spending authority for other
9 purposes.

10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.

11 We would like to provide the
12 participants with an opportunity to make a
13 brief presentation before we call the
14 question to vote.

15 First we will hear from PGW.
16 Mr. Dasent?

17 MR. DASENT: Good morning, Madam
18 Chair. Brooke Darlington from my office is
19 in the room and will speak to this issue.

20 MS. DARLINGTON: Good morning.

21 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Good morning.

22 MS. DARLINGTON: My name is Brooke
23 Darlington. I am of counsel to the Law
24 Office of Andre Dasent and we represent the

1 Philadelphia Gas Works.

2 PGW agrees with the Hearing
3 Examiners' recommendation to approve the
4 Joint Settlement Proposal proffered by the
5 Company and the Public Advocate with regard
6 to the 800 Building Renovations.

7 As the Commission is aware, the
8 project is needed to renovate the first
9 floor of the building, including the
10 conference room, improvements to the lobby
11 and the auditorium, and update the stair
12 towers.

13 The Joint Settlement Proposal
14 provides that the interdepartmental
15 transfers in the amount of \$4 million should
16 be approved to support the renovations.

17 The proposed use of the
18 interdepartmental transfers will be in lieu
19 of the conditional funding that was
20 previously approved in the FY '25 Capital
21 Budget and, as the Hearing Examiners'
22 recommendation mentioned, it will be off
23 limits to spending for other purposes.

24 The proposal is submitted as a

1 compromise and is proposed to secure the
2 release of immediate funding for the 800
3 Building Renovations so that the project can
4 proceed on schedule.

5 PGW is committed to keeping the
6 Commission apprised of construction
7 activities as the project proceeds.

8 Thank you.

9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Brooke.

10 Mr. Ballenger, are there any
11 statements on behalf of the Advocate?

12 MR. BALLENGER: Good morning, Madam
13 Chair, members of the Gas Commission. This
14 is Robert Ballenger from Community Legal
15 Services on behalf of the Public Advocate.

16 Nothing really to add today. Sorry
17 I'm not there in person; had something come
18 up that required me to be at home.

19 But I do want to say, it's always
20 nice when PGW and the Public Advocate can
21 put something in front of you that we can
22 agree upon. That's the situation today.

23 So we respectfully believe you should
24 approve the Hearing Examiners'

1 recommendation and allow PGW to move forward
2 with these projects. Thank you.

3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Excellent. Thank
4 you.

5 Next we will take brief comments from
6 members of the public. Comments will be
7 limited to three minutes and should be on
8 the topic of PGW's request for approval of
9 interdepartmental line item transfers.

10 Are there any comments or questions
11 from the public?

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13 (No response.)

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15 THE CHAIRWOMAN: None?

16 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: None.

17 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

18 Are there any comments or questions
19 from any of the Commissioners at this point?

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21 (No response.)

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23 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you all very
24 much. We appreciate your participation as

1 we deliberate on this matter.

2 All of the identified exhibits will
3 be entered into the record of this meeting.
4 This matter is now before us for action.

5 Do we have a motion to approve PGW's
6 interdepartmental line item transfer
7 request?

8 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: So move.

9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Is there a second to
10 the motion?

11 COMMISSIONER McGRAW: Second.

12 THE CHAIRWOMAN: It has been moved
13 and properly seconded.

14 Is there any discussion?

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16 (No response.)

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18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor of the
19 motion will say aye.

20 Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER McGRAW: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Aye.

24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: The ayes have it.

1 The motion carries.

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3 (Whereupon the motion was unanimously
4 carried.)

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