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6	DATE November 18, 2025
	TIME 10:00 a.m.
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	Hybrid Meeting held on the
9	18th Floor 1515 Arch Street
	and Virtually via Teams
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11	BEFORE: CHRISTY BRADY, Chairwoman
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12	MIKE DRISCOLL
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2 MS. McCLENDON: The 3 Philadelphia Gas Commission will hold its regularly scheduled 5 meeting on Tuesday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's 6 7 Hearing Room on the 18th Floor, 1515 Arch Street, Philadelphia, 8 9 Pennsylvania with a virtual option 10 for those who cannot attend in 11 person, for the purposes of considering: 12

- The Philadelphia Gas
   Works' FY 2026 Capital Budget
   Amendment; AND
- 2. Such other business as may properly be brought before this Commission.

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

Christy Brady, Chair.

THE CHAIR: Did everyone hear

Commission Exhibit-3, was marked for identification.)

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THE CHAIR: I would like to ask Ms. McClendon to provide a brief overview of the recommended budget amendment.

MS. McCLENDON: PGW seeks reauthorization of ten line items for prior years fiscal budgets that require lifespan extensions as PGW anticipates spending on these line items in Fiscal Year 2026.

These extensions do not require additional funding beyond what has already been approved in these prior fiscal year Capital Budgets.

After Commission Staff's due diligence and review, the Public Advocate and PGW were able to reach agreement on the treatment of these extensions and submitted a joint proposal endorsing the same.

Commission Staff thanks PGW and the Advocate for their work on this and agree with the joint proposal, and therefore recommends that the Commission endorse and recommend approval of the same to City Council.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. We would like to provide the participants with the opportunity to make a brief presentation before we call the question to vote.

First, we will hear from PGW.

Mr. Dasent.

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MR. DASENT: Good morning,
Chairman Brady. Brooke Darlington
will be speaking for my firm today.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Brooke.

MS. DARLINGTON: Good morning.

23 My name is Brooke Darlington. I'm

of counsel to the Law Offices of

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Just briefly, PGW generally agrees with the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to approve the Joint Settlement Proposal. It was -- it's our understanding that the Joint Proposal resolves all issues.

Most areas of agreement include that the budget reauthorizations are for project lifespan extensions only. No additional funding. And that the budget reauthorizations will be treated as an amendment to the outlining 2026 Capital Budget.

The one area of exception that PGW filed relating to the Recommendation was that the review period agreed to by the Gas Works and the Public Advocate was for three years. The years were 2023, '24 and '25, program years, and that the company would do the

review by December 1st.

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PGW believes that the three-year review is appropriate and it aligns with the subject of the proceeding, as well as the very tight time period to turn this around.

The PGC staff recommended a five-year review. But adding these two years would -- would take years outside the scope of the proceeding, as well as make it very difficult to turn it around by the 1st.

We did not take exception with the Recommendations that the parties discussed, the fleet optimization methodology at the Capital Budget Workshop.

And we do believe that it's premature to address whether any addition reviews or audits are needed, which was contemplated by the Recommend Decision.

1 And so we ask that the 2 Commission approve the Joint 3 Settlements Proposal, that the fleet operations review to be 5 limited to a three-year period for the reasons mentioned. 6 7 And also request that all the 8 favorable PGC Staff Recommendation 9 with respect to the 2025 Capital 10 Budget Reauthorizations be 11 approved. 12 Thank you. 13 THE CHAIR: Sorry. It was 14 very low for me. I don't know if 15 you can hear me. 16 MS. McCLENDON: Yes, we can. 17 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Can you 18 hear us? 19 THE CHAIR: Yes. 20 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Great. 2.1 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Brooke. 22 Mr. Ballenger, are there any 2.3 statements on behalf of the 24 Advocate?

MR. BALLENGER: Good morning, Madam Chairman and Member of the Gas Commission. Thank you for the opportunity.

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I would just like to briefly express my regrets that I'm not attending in person this morning.

As I shared with Staff this morning, I'm a bit under the weather. Fortunately, I'm in good company since my son Warren is also at home sick with me.

I don't have any substantive concerns with the motion, which Staff shared in advance of the meeting.

As we submitted per our comments, we believe the Joint Proposal was reasonable and the Staff's Recommendations were likewise reasonable.

I appreciate that the motion -- the draft motion strikes a reasonable balance between the

positions advanced by Staff and provides the clarification that we sought regarding the extent of spending authorization available to PGW.

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So we support adoption of the motion and appreciate your time, and obviously, Staff and PGW's cooperation.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Ballenger.

Next, we will take brief comments from members of the public. Comments will be limited to three minutes and should be on the topic of PGW's budget amendment.

Are there any comments or questions from -- are there any comments from the public?

MS. McCLENDON: I'm not seeing any hands being raised by members of the public participating virtually, so I believe we can move

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THE CHAIR: Great. Thank you.

Are there any comments or questions from any of the

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6 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Yes,

Madam Chair. This is Commissioner
Urbania.

I'm just curious to Mr.

Ballenger. Do you take any
exception or issue on the five
versus three-year point made by
PGW?

MR. BALLENGER: As we said in our comments, we believe that the Commission to undertake a more lengthy review sua sponte without, you know, a need for our really taking a position on the appropriate period of time.

We believed three years was reasonable and so we submitted that in the Joint Proposal and agreed to that with PGW.

We also believed that a period longer then three years could also be reasonable within the Commission's discretion to review.

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We certainly would take the position, if based on the outcome of the three-years review, that if there's more that needs to be uncovered, we would certainly support the Commission undertaking additional review on the basis of that.

So we really don't take a strong position on the three year versus five years and defer to the Commission's judgment on that.

COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Just to the Commission Staff, is there any other comment or rationale for the three versus five?

MS. McCLENDON: Initially, before there was a full agreement, we thought that five years would be appropriate. But three years

because -- because three years are what's in question, we -- we are,
Commission Staff is okay with
moving forward with that --

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COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Okay.

MS. McCLENDON: -- with just three years.

COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Great. Thank you.

MS. McCLENDON: And just to add, part of the rationale for that is the timing of things. We would like PGW to conduct this review as quickly as possible.

And so, if adding an additional two years would hinder that, we think it's better to get at least the years that are in question taken care of.

And as the Advocate noted, if it needs to go further back, then it can go further back.

COMMISSIONER URBANIA: All right. I support that, too.

Aye.

COMMISSIONER URBANIA:

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Page 18 1 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Aye. 2 COMMISSIONER McGRAW: Aye. 3 THE CHAIR: And ayes have it. The motions carries. 5 The next item on the agenda is such other business as maybe 6 7 properly brought before this 8 Commission. 9 Is there any other business to 10 be brought before this Commission? 1 1 There being no further business, I direct the Gas 12 13 Commission's Staff and the assigned 14 counsel from the Law Department to 15 prepare the necessary orders and 16 resolutions that result from 17 today's meeting. 18 This meeting is adjourned. 19 Thank you all very much. 20 2.1 (Whereupon, the proceedings 22 concluded at 10:13 a.m.) 2.3 24

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