



PUC to Host Two Telephonic Hearings on Proposed PECO Rate Increases

The Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission will be holding two telephonic hearings on Thursday, June 13th to gather public input on the request by PECO Energy Company (PECO) to increase rates for electric and natural gas distribution services.

Telephonic hearing #1 will begin at 1 p.m.

Telephonic hearing #2 will begin at 6 p.m.

The PUC has provided the below recap of the rate increase requests from PECO.

PECO provides electric distribution service to approximately 1.7 million customers in Southeastern Pennsylvania and portions of York County, as well as natural gas distribution service to more than 552,000 customers in southeastern Pennsylvania.

For <u>electric distribution services</u>, PECO is requesting an annual overall electric rate increase of approximately \$464 million. PECO is also proposing a one-time credit of \$64 million, resulting in a net electric rate increase of \$399 million (25.1%) in 2025. As proposed, the total monthly electric bill for a residential customer using 700 kWh would increase by \$16.67 from \$135.85 to \$152.52 (12.3%) in 2025. In 2026, the total monthly bill for a residential electric customer would increase by an additional \$2.70.

For <u>natural gas distribution services</u>, PECO is proposing an annual increase of \$111 million (23.1%). As proposed, a PECO residential natural gas customer using 80 Ccf per month will increase from \$97.98 to \$114.13 per month (16.5%). A final PUC decision on PECO's rate increase requests is due by Dec. 27, 2024.

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Registering for the Telephonic Hearings

If you wish to testify at the telephonic public input hearing, you must pre-register with the PUC's Office of Administrative Law Judge (OALJ) by 4 p.m. on June 12, 2024.

To pre-register, contact the OALJ by phone at 215-560-2105 or by email to sdelvillar@pa.gov and provide the following: Your first and last name.

The date (June 13, 2024) and time (1:00 P.M. or 6:00 P.M.) of the public input hearing you wish to attend.

The phone number you will be using to call into the public input hearing.

A phone number where you can be reached prior to the hearing if it is necessary to contact you.

Your address.

Your email address if you have one.

If you require an interpreter to participate in the hearing, the language of the interpreter.

Offering Testimony at a Public Input Hearing

The PUC offers tips on how to participate in a public input hearing, including:

Prepare what you are going to say beforehand. Even though it is not required, you may want to write out your statement, which can be read.

Any formal testimony that is offered during the hearing will become part of the record on which the PUC will issue its final decision.

Understand that parties in the case may want to ask you a question to clarify something you said.

My office is also here to help. Email senatorsantarsiero@pasenate.com or call 215-497-9490 for assistance with any state issue. Please forward this to anyone in the region who may be interested in participating.

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Please call or email your questions or concerns.

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