

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 23-G-0627 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation for Gas Service.

PROCEDURAL RULING

(Issued December 6, 2023)

MICHAEL CLARKE and TARA KERSEY, Administrative Law Judges:

A procedural conference addressing party status and schedule, among other matters, was held in this proceeding on December 6, 2023. The procedural conference was attended by representatives of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFG); trial staff of the Department of Public Service (Staff); the Public Utility Law Project of New York, Inc.; Multiple Intervenors; the National Resources Defense Council; IBEW Local 2199, and the Utility Intervention Unit, Division of Consumer Protection of the New York State Department of State.

Party Status

No opposition to the participation of any of the above entities as parties was expressed during the procedural conference. While several of these entities have party status as of right,¹ we find that the others are likely to contribute to the development of a complete record in the case. Accordingly, by this ruling, we are confirming that all are granted party status.

As we discussed at the conference, future requests for party status will be treated as motions, and all parties seeking party status will be provisionally added to the party list. If

¹ 16 NYCRR §4.3(b)(1).

no objection is raised by another party or by us within the requisite time, party status is deemed to be conferred on the requesting party or entity.

Schedule

Prior to the conference, Staff provided us with a proposed litigation schedule. No objections to this proposal were raised during the conference, and therefore the following schedule is hereby adopted:

Milestone	Date
Company Update	January 12, 2024
Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony and Exhibits	March 1, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony	March 22, 2024
Commencement of Evidentiary Hearing ²	April 16, 2024

(Signed)

MICHAEL CLARKE

(Signed)

TARA KERSEY

² The evidentiary hearing will be noticed separately.