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October 31, 2025

Hans G. Bell
President of UGI Utilities, Inc

Stephen M. DeFrank
Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

John W. Hawkins
President, FirstEnergy Pennsylvania
Met-Ed Operations

Dear President Bell, Chairman DeFrank, and President Hawkins,

As Chair of the Central Pennsylvania House Delegation, I write on behalf of our members and the region we represent to urgently request that UGI Utilities and Metropolitan Edison Company suspend non-payment terminations for both gas and electric services until the federal government shutdown is resolved. The ongoing shutdown and the delayed rollout of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) have placed thousands of families and furloughed federal employees in a precarious financial position.

Many households are now forced to make impossible choices between paying for energy, food, and other essential needs. Suspending non-payment terminations would provide immediate relief, ensuring families can maintain heat, electricity, and access to critical utilities during the colder months.

This is not merely an administrative matter—it is a question of health, safety, and survival for our most vulnerable residents. Immediate action will help protect families, stabilize communities, and prevent broader disruptions to schools, hospitals, and local economies.

We respectfully urge both the United Gas Improvement Company (UGI) and Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed) to act promptly and suspend terminations, taking into account LIHEAP delays and the current financial hardships faced by households across our region.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manuel Guzman Jr.', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rep. Manuel Guzman Jr.

Chair, Central Pennsylvania House Delegation

CC: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services – LIHEAP Division