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ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FILES FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST UGI

(Allentown, PA, August 25, 2006) – Allentown School District has filed a formal complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to protest a dramatic increase in the transportation rates for natural gas charged to the District. UGI will charge Allentown School District and other area school districts \$3.95 per thousand cubic feet of natural gas (mcf). UGI’s distribution rates have increased from 90 cents to \$3.95 per mcf over the last three years, an increase of 339%. Allentown School District business administrator, George R. Crawford, said that the additional cost this year alone will be nearly \$126,000.00.

Crawford explained that the distribution rate doesn’t include the actual molecules of gas but only the cost of transportation within UGI’s service area. Crawford noted that natural gas is transported about 1,300 miles across the country to UGI’s City Gate for about seven cents per mcf , but costs \$3.95 per mcf for the one to two mile trip to Allentown School District facilities.

President of ASD Board of School Directors, Jeff Glazier, said, “We’re obligated to file this complaint to protect our stakeholders, especially taxpayers, from these unreasonable charges.”

Allentown School District's complaint contends UGI's rate violates its PUC-approved tariff by failing to negotiate the rate with ASD and failing to base the distribution rate upon the cost of alternative fuels to the customer.

Crawford expects that other public schools and Lehigh Valley non-profit organizations experiencing the same rate increase by UGI will file similar complaints.

Serving approximately 18,400 students in 22 early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools located throughout the City of Allentown, PA, Allentown School District is the fourth largest school district of 501 Commonwealth districts. The District's mission is to provide safe and rigorous educational experiences that motivate all students to excel in learning and life.

Allentown School District employs approximately 1,218 teachers and 2,000 employees overall.

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