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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor-1 North Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Re: Regulation# 57-277 Meter Location; IRRC Number 2950

Dear Ms. Chiavetta,

I have lived in the Old Allentown Preservation Association (OAPA) district in Allentown for 27 years and am a past board member of OAPA. In addition to my residence, I own two additional single family residences on my block which I rent to mid-high income individuals. My main attraction to this center-city area was the character and quality of the available residences in the Historic District.

In addition to the purchase price of my three properties, I have spent in excess of \$75,000 to update and restore the interiors and exteriors of these buildings to be consistent with the historic character of the neighborhood.

UGI's mis-guided and poorly handled project to relocate meters and / or regulators to the front of our buildings without regard to the historic character of the buildings (much less the codified Historic Architectural Standards of the District) is a disgrace. Further, the safety issues we have in the City are primarily associated with the century-old cast iron gas mains, not the meters / regulators.

The casual observer to the streets of center city might conclude there was a war in progress. You can barely drive or walk two consistent blocks without having a UGI or contracted service blocking one or more lanes while streets and sidewalks are torn-up. While I understand the need to get work done (even if it's the wrong priority work) while the weather is nice, there needs to be some regard for the residents / customers who live in the area.

In my opinion, UGI needs:

- 1. To suspend their work on meters / regulators
- 2. Focus on gas main replacements
- 3. Only resume meter / regulator work in Historic Districts once a suitable, architecture sensitive alternative is agreed-to.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

**Best Regards** 

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