

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-88  
Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs

WHEREAS, effective utility and regulatory programs and policies are of critical importance to the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, developing a coordinated utility and regulatory policy, and establishing a focal point for utility and regulatory issues require the coordination of policy, planning and coordination functions currently performed by the Managing Director and the Commerce Director to a single Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs so that independent policy, planning and analysis may occur on issues relating to utility services and other regulated services and a coordinated policy may be pursued; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs must receive the highest organizational status, both in recognition of the importance of utility and regulatory affairs to the City and its inhabitants, and to enable the Office to work most effectively with City agencies, consumers, regulatory bodies and utilities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, W. WILSON GOODE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby ORDER as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF  
UTILITY AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

The Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs is hereby established within the Office of the Mayor. The Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs shall be headed by the Director of the Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs. The Director of Utility and Regulatory Affairs shall report to the Mayor.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The Office of Utility and Regulatory Affairs shall address utility and regulatory issues affecting the City of Philadelphia, its economy and the quality of life of its inhabitants and vigorously promote policies leading to efficiently and equitably supplied utility services and other regulated services.

SECTION 3. THE OFFICE OF UTILITY AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS SHALL:

- a. promote the interest of gas and water consumers and the City as a whole in matters involving the Water Department and the Gas Works.
- b. advise the City on utility and regulatory matters and represent (e.g. at public hearings, meetings, etc.) it before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, other regulatory authorities and other forums, as necessary.
- c. develop policy recommendations on utility and regulatory issues which include how to improve how and what utility services are available. Monitor the implementation of these policies by operating departments and agencies, as necessary;
- d. provide consulting support to the City on utility and regulatory matters;
- e. act as a conduit for consumers concerned with utility and regulatory issues by establishing a Utility Consumers Council; and
- f. perform other tasks as necessary to serve the City and the utility/regulatory service for consumers of the City.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ORDER shall be effective immediately.

DATE

Feb. 10, 1985

W. WILSON GOODE,  
MAYOR

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