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### **Officers Elected for the Board of Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation – the Governing Body for Philadelphia Gas Works**

*Seth Shapiro Elected as Board Chairman; Marian Tasco, Vice-Chair*

**(Philadelphia, PA. - May 24, 2016)** – The Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation (PFMC) announced that Seth Adam Shapiro has been elected as its new Chairman of the Board. The PFMC also welcomed six new Board members and it elected officers.

Marian Tasco was elected Vice-Chairwoman; Catherine Paster, Treasurer; and Leigh Whitaker, Board Secretary. Joining these new officers are James Engler, Albert Mezzaroba, and Louis Rodriguez. More information on each Board member is below.

Under a contract with the City, the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation, a non-profit corporation, oversees Philadelphia Gas Works, the largest municipally owned gas utility in the nation. The seven member Board is appointed by the Mayor and its responsibilities, as set forth in a Management Agreement between the City and PFMC, make PFMC responsible for all operations of PGW through an executive management team including a chief executive officer, a chief operating officer, and a chief financial officer.

“On behalf of PGW’s employees, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the PFMC Board, as well as those who have served before, and offer our congratulations to Seth on his election as PFMC Chairman,” said Craig White, PGW President and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **PHILADELPHIA FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERS**

**Seth Shapiro** is Chief Operating Officer of The Goldenberg Group, a prominent real estate development company in the Philadelphia region.

**James Engler** is Deputy Mayor for Policy and Legislation for the City of Philadelphia.

**Albert Mezzaroba** is an attorney with Genova Burns and has held executive positions at Lower Bucks Hospital, the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, and the City Council of Philadelphia, where he served as Chief Counsel.

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**Catherine Paster** is the City's First Deputy Finance Director and has served in this role for the past eight years. Previously, Paster spent almost eight years with Temple University, most recently as Assistant Vice President for Management Analysis.

**Louis Rodriguez** is the President of Rodriguez Consulting LLC (Rodriguez), a professional engineering and land surveying firm founded in 2007.

Elected to Philadelphia City Council in 1987, **Marian Tasco** served as Majority Leader and Councilwoman representing the Ninth District until her retirement earlier this year.

**Leigh Whitaker** serves as the Vice President of Communications for SugarHouse Casino, where she oversees all government, community and public relations.

Interviews and photographs are available upon request.

### **About PGW:**

*Founded in 1836, The Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) is owned by the City of Philadelphia and is the largest municipally owned gas utility in the country. It manages a distribution system of approximately 6,000 miles of gas mains and service pipes supplying approximately 500,000 customers. PGW's operations are managed by a non-profit corporation, the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation (PFMC). More information about the company is available at [www.pgworks.com](http://www.pgworks.com).*

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