

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held April 14, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman  
John F. Coleman, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Ralph V. Yanora

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission

v.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Docket Number:  
R-2022-3031211

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On March 18, 2022, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia), Utility Code 120700, filed Supplement No. 337 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 to become effective May 17, 2022, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$82.2 million in additional annual revenues. Under the proposed increase, the total bill for a residential customer who purchases 70 therms of gas from Columbia per month, would increase from \$123.24 to \$135.67 per month, or by 10.09%. The Office of Small Business Advocate filed a formal complaint on March 28, 2022. Various oppositions were also filed.

Columbia stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary due to Columbia's ongoing investment to enhance its distribution system through the replacement of pipe and related appurtenances that are reaching the end of their useful lives and Columbia's operation and maintenance expenditures on compliance activities and operations safety enhancements.

Columbia states that the filing also includes a request for approval of a revenue normalization adjustment mechanism and a residential energy efficiency program. Columbia states that the revenue normalization adjustment would stabilize utility revenue regardless of changes in customer usage.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until December 17, 2022, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Columbia's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Supplement No. 337 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9.

2. That the proposed Supplement No. 337 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 is suspended by operation of law until December 17, 2022, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

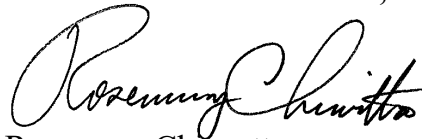
3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.'s existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 14, 2022

ORDER ENTERED: April 14, 2022

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

(COMPANY'S NAME)

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(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Tariff \_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed to become effective \_\_\_\_\_ (and voluntarily postponed to become effective \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby suspended until \_\_\_\_\_, at Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_). Presently effective rates contained in Tariff \_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.

Issued:

Issued in compliance with

Title 66 PA C.S.