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Via Efile

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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3265

**Re: Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. Letter Petition for a Waiver of its
Tariff**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On October 25, 2012 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") entered its Final Order for Interim Guidelines Regarding Standards for Changing a Customer's Electricity Generation Supplier ("Interim Guidelines") at Docket No. M-2011-2270442. The Final Order waives the regulations at Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, 52 Pa. Code §59.93 and §59.94 with regard to the 10-day waiting period in which the request to change a natural gas supplier may be canceled. The Interim Guidelines change the 10-day waiting period to a 5-day waiting period for both gas and electric Choice programs effective 90 days after the Final Order is entered.

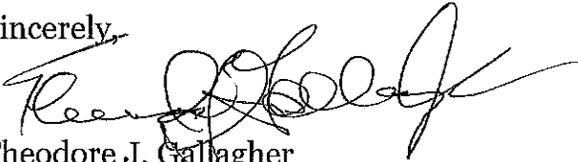
As a Natural Gas Distribution Company in Pennsylvania, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia") intends to fully comply with the Interim Guidelines and is currently working on the programming necessary to change the 10-day waiting period to a 5-day waiting period. Columbia anticipates the programming to be completed and in place by January 21, 2013.

Columbia's tariff, Tariff Gas – Pa P.U.C. No. 9, currently reflects the 10-day waiting period on Page No. 229 paragraph 4.6.3.2; Page No. 230 paragraph 4.6.3.2, and Page No. 231 paragraphs 4.6.3.3 and 4.6.3.4. These tariff pages are attached for the Commission's reference.

Columbia respectfully requests approval from the Commission to waive the 10-day tariff requirement for as long as the Interim Guidelines are effective, or until Columbia files, and the Commission approves, revised tariff pages in compliance with any future fully promulgated regulations that change the 10-day waiting period, whichever comes first.

Please direct any inquiry with regard to this filing to me by phone at 724-416-6355 or by email at tjgallagher@nisource.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore J. Gallagher', written over a horizontal line.

Theodore J. Gallagher
Counsel for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Enclosures

notification to the Customer seeking verification of the Customer's intent to select a new NGS. The written notice shall be mailed by the end of the next business day following the receipt of the notification of a selection of an NGS. The written notification will explain the ten day waiting period in which the selection of the NGS may be canceled before the change takes place and the date service with the new NGS will begin (unless canceled within the ten-day waiting period). The ten-day waiting period shall commence on the day the written notice is sent. The Customer shall have ten (10) days from the date that the written notification is sent to inform the Company that the Customer does not desire to select a new NGS. Upon such notification, the Company shall ensure that the Customer remains with its current Natural Gas Provider. The NGS agrees to keep a copy of the tape recording of the Enrollment Confirmation for so long as that Customer remains a customer of the NGS. The NGS agrees to provide a copy of all tape recordings of all Enrollment Confirmation(s) with that Customer to the Company upon the request of the Company. Failure to supply a copy of the tape recordings of all Enrollment Confirmation(s), within five (5) days of the Company's request, shall cause the Customer to be returned to its previous Natural Gas Provider, and a \$50.00 fee shall be paid by the NGS to partially offset the Company's cost of the investigation.

- 4.6.3.2 Written Enrollment. A Customer may enroll in the Choice Service using Written Enrollment. The NGS agrees to maintain written confirmation of the Enrollment Confirmation (as defined in this Paragraph) of each Customer for so long as that person remains a Customer of the NGS. Valid Written Enrollment requires a document signed by the Customer which document's sole purpose is to obtain the Customer's consent to change NGSs. Documents not considered as valid include, but are not limited to, canceled checks, signed entries for contests and documents used to claim prizes won in contests. The written confirmation of the Enrollment Confirmation shall be defined to include, at a minimum, the Customer's name, his/her twelve (12) digit account number, his/her service address, his/her mailing address, his/her signature, an indication of the Customer's intent to enroll in the Choice Service, and the date that the enrollment is being performed. The selected NGS will notify the Company that it was selected to serve the customer by the end of the next business day following the enrollment. After the Company is notified that the Customer desires to select a new NGS, the Company shall send written

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4.6.3.3 Internet Enrollment. A Customer may enroll in the Choice Service using Internet Enrollment. If an NGS desires to provide for Internet Enrollment, the NGS agrees to maintain a webpage to provide for Internet Enrollment, which webpage clearly identifies the legal name of the NGS, its address, and telephone number. The NGS agrees to maintain a printed or electronic copy of information appearing on the webpage and received through the webpage at the time when the Customer requested to take service from the NGS ("Enrollment Confirmation"). The Enrollment Confirmation is defined to include, at a minimum, the NGS's legal name, a copy of the agreement between the NGS and the Customer as it appeared at the time the Customer requested service from NGS, the Customer's name, his/her twelve (12) digit Company account number, his/her service address, his/her mailing address, an indication of the Customer's intent to be a customer of that particular NGS, and the date that the enrollment is being performed. The selected NGS will notify the Company that it was selected to serve the customer by the end of the next business day following the enrollment. After the Company is notified that the Customer desires to select a new NGS, the Company shall send written

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- 4.6.4 Waiting Period Restrictions. If, within the 10 day waiting period, any Customer informs the Company that the Customer does not desire to select a new NGS, the NGS shall not resubmit that Customer through the Choice EBB unless the NGS obtains a new Enrollment Confirmation from that Customer.
- 4.6.5 NGS Customer Submission Procedure. After the Customer selects an NGS, the NGS shall submit the Customer's 12 digit account number, Choice Aggregation Nomination Group and NGS rate code to the Company through the Choice EBB. Customer submissions may be made by the NGS from the 1st through the 15th of each month and from the 21st through the last day of the month. Customer submissions may not be made from the 15th to the 20th of each month, during which time the Choice Aggregation Nomination Group's Choice Daily Delivery Requirement will be estimated and provided to the NGS. (C)
- 4.6.6 The Company shall process the request to initiate, terminate or change a Customer's NGS one time per month in accordance with this Rule and the Commission's Order on Establishing Standards for Changing Natural Gas Suppliers at Docket M-00991249F0006.

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