**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission : R-2016-2529660

Office of Consumer Advocate : C-2016-2535301

Office of Small Business Advocate : C-2016-2538051

Pennsylvania State University : C-2016-2541623

Columbia Industrial Intervenors : C-2016-2541753

Ralph Miller : C-2016-2538611

Michael Pikus: C-2016-2538843

James Testrake: C-2016-2555931

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v. :

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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. :

**INTERIM ORDER**

**Revisions to Procedural Schedule**

On March 18, 2016, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia or the Company) filed Supplement No. 241 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 at Docket No. R-2016-2529660 (Supplement No. 241), with an effective date of May 17, 2016. Columbia proposed to increase rates to produce additional annual operating revenues of $55.3 million, or 11.23%, over present revenues. The Company also proposed to increase the residential fixed monthly charge by $2.76 from $16.75 to $19.51.

By Order entered April 21, 2016, the Commission suspended the implementation of Supplement No. 241 by operation of law, pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 1308(d), until December 19, 2016, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date, and instituted an investigation into the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations proposed in Supplement No. 241. On April 22, 2016, the Office of Administrative Law Judge (OALJ) scheduled a prehearing conference to be conducted telephonically on April 28, 2016.

On April 28, 2016, the assigned Administrative Law Judge conducted a prehearing conference, at which time the parties considered issues raised by the Petition and established a litigation schedule. Specifically, the parties agreed the evidentiary hearing would be scheduled for three days, from August 2, 2016 through August 4, 2016.

On April 29, 2016, the presiding officer issued the Prehearing Order which, *inter alia*, indicated the start time for the evidentiary hearing would be at 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2016.

On July 28, 2016, the active parties informed the presiding officer that a partial settlement had been reached, and the active parties requested that the first day of evidentiary hearing be cancelled. In addition, the active parties requested that the litigation schedule be adjusted to permit the filing of the rejoinder outlines and the cross-examination matrix be filed on Monday, August 2, 2016 instead of Friday, July 29, 2016.

In addition, a third individual complainant, James Testrake, filed a formal complaint in this proceeding on July 8, 2016 at Docket No. C-2016-2555931, which formal complaint has not been consolidated with this proceeding, to date.

AND NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 will be cancelled, and the evidentiary hearing will begin on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 3, Plaza Level, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

2. Parties wishing to submit rejoinder outlines shall serve the same on or before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016.

3. The parties shall submit to the presiding officer a joint cross-examination matrix to the presiding officer by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016.

4. The formal complaint filed on July 8, 2016 by James Testrake at Docket No. C-2016-2555931 is consolidated with this proceeding.

5. The Office of Consumer Advocate shall make an attempt to contact all three individual Complainants, by telephone or by personal electronic mail, to inform them the evidentiary hearing on August 2, 2016 has been cancelled.

Date: July 28, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Katrina L. Dunderdale

Administrative Law Judge

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