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By Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor (filing room)
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Columbia Water Company; 2023 General Base Rate Increase Filing;
Docket No. R-2023-3040258; **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on behalf of Columbia Water Company is the Proof of Publication in the above-captioned matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (717) 236-1300.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Whitney E. Snyder

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Enclosure

cc: Per Certificate of Service

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County of Lancaster}

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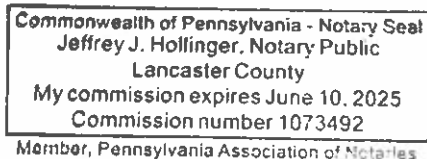
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Notary Public



Columbia, PA – On April 28, 2023, Columbia Water Company filed to increase its rates for the service divisions formerly known as the Columbia Division and the Marietta Division. The requested increase is proposed to become effective June 27, 2023. The total increase in rates is \$999,900 per year, which is an increase of 15.52% over annual revenues at present rates. This is Columbia Water's first general rate increase in over 5 years. The main drivers of the need for this rate increase include inflationary pressure due to higher energy and material costs, supporting ongoing Commission-approved long-term infrastructure replacement programs designed to enhance safety and reliability, and reflecting capital additions the Company has placed into service since its last base rate proceeding and that are projected to be placed in service by December 31, 2023. This rate increase does not apply to customers of the former East Donegal Township Municipal Authority.

If the Company's entire request is approved, customer bills would increase as follows:

Columbia Division. A total bill for a typical metered residential customer using 3,800 gallons of water per month would increase from \$37.67 to \$40.04 per month or by 6.3%. A total bill for a typical metered commercial customer using 28,500 gallons of water per month would increase from \$149.07 to \$157.81 per month or by 5.9%. A total bill for a typical metered industrial customer using 165,000 gallons of water per month would increase from \$598.10 to \$789.63 per month or by 32.0%. A total bill for a typical public customer using 1,600 gallons of water per month would increase from \$21.83 to \$25.72 per month or by 17.8%.

Marietta Division. A total bill for a typical metered residential customer using 3,800 gallons of water per month would increase from \$32.57 to \$40.04 per month or by 22.9%. A total bill for a typical metered commercial customer using 28,500

gallons of water per month would increase from \$100.87 to \$157.81 per month or by 56.4%. A total bill for a typical metered industrial customer using 165,000 gallons of water per month would increase from \$544.42 to \$789.63 per month or by 45.0%. A total bill for a typical public authority customer using 1,600 gallons of water per month would increase from \$20.38 to \$25.72 per month or by 26.2%.

Customers may contact the Company at (717) 684-2188 to obtain further information on the proposed increase and what actions customers can take.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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Dated this 9th day of May, 2023