

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

Public Meeting held April 4, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman  
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair  
Ralph V. Yanora  
Kathryn L. Zerfuss  
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission

v.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Docket Number:  
R-2024-3046519

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On March 15, 2024, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia Gas), Utility Code 120700, filed Supplement No. 374 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 to become effective May 14, 2024, containing proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations calculated to produce \$124.1 million (15.79%) in operating revenue. As proposed, the total bill for a residential customer using 70 therms/month of gas will increase from \$118.16 to \$136.92 (15.88 %).

On March 20, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Formal Complaint.

Columbia Gas stated that it is seeking approval to increase its base rates to allow for the continued replacement and upgrade of its natural gas distribution system.

Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until December 14, 2024, 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 Gas'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. 374 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9.
2. That the proposed Supplement No. 374 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 is suspended by operation of law until December 14, 2024, 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,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 4, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: April 4, 2024

ATTACHMENT

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

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

(COMPANY'S NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_

(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.