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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Docket No. R-2013-2351073, C-2013-2354079 and C-2013-2354106**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael W. Hassell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael W. Hassell

MWH/skr
Attachment

cc: Honorable Joel H. Cheskis
Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:		
	:	Docket No.	R-2013-2351073
v.	:		C-2013-2354079
	:		C-2013-2354106
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:		

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOEL H. CHESKIS:

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”), hereby submits this Prehearing Memorandum in response to the Notice of Prehearing Conference dated April 1, 2013 and the First Prehearing Order dated April 1, 2013.¹

Columbia is represented in this proceeding by the following counsel of record:

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Per Paragraph 2 of the Prehearing Order, Columbia requests that all documents in this case be served on Michael W. Hassell.

As part of its direct case, Columbia will present the following witnesses who will testify

¹ Subsequent to the April 1, 2013 Notice of Prehearing Conference, a Judge Change Notice was issued by the Commission on April 3, 2013, replacing Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Buckley with Administrative Law Judge Joel H. Cheskis (“ALJ”). In subsequent correspondence with the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the ALJ confirmed that the parties should prepare their prehearing memorandums consistent with the guidelines established in the April 1, 2013 First Prehearing Order, excluding the reply brief due date, which the ALJ had agreed to extend to July 8, 2013 at the request of the parties.

as to the matters explained in the following prefiled statements and exhibits:

Witness & General Subject Matter	Statement	Exhibits Sponsored
J. Michael Ripley 200 Civic Center Drive Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 460-6219 Gas Acquisition and FERC matters	Columbia St. No. 1	Exh. Nos. 1-D-1, 1-D-2, 1-D-3, 2, 3, 4, 4-A, 4-B, 5, 5-A, 5-B, 6, 8-A, 8-B, 8-C, 8-D, 8-E, 10, 12, 13, 14, JMR-1, JMR-2, JMR-3, JMR-4
Nancy D. Krajovic 121 Champion Way Canonsburg, PA 15317 (724) 416-6370 Rate and Regulatory Matters	Columbia St. No. 2	Exh. Nos. 1, 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-E, 1-F, 1-G, 7, 9, 11, NJDK-1

At this time, Columbia cannot provide any further identification of issues in this purchased gas cost proceeding. Columbia reserves the right to present additional witnesses, testimony and exhibits on all matters arising during the course of the proceeding, including all matters raised by other parties.

Columbia may amend its prefiled statements and exhibits, as appropriate, during the course of this proceeding, based upon more recent information, as such information becomes available. Such update(s) will reflect changes in information relevant to the determination of the proper level of purchased gas cost recovery rates to become effective October 1, 2013.

Columbia's Proposal in This Proceeding

On February 28, 2013, Columbia filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") pre-filing data required under the Commission's regulations. That pre-filing data provided for a decrease in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.00412/Therm from rates then in effect. Subsequently, Columbia filed with the Commission Supplement No. 199 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9. Supplement No. 199 is to become effective for service

rendered on and after October 1, 2013. In Supplement No. 199, Columbia proposes a decrease in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.00412/Therm.

Scheduling

The parties to this proceeding have agreed to the following procedural schedule:

Prehearing Conference	April 15
Other Parties' Direct	May 10
Rebuttal	June 3 by noon
Surrebuttal	June 10 by 4 p.m.
Hearings	June 13-14
Main Brief	June 27
Reply Brief	July 8

All dates are for in-hand delivery. Electronic mail for receipt and distribution of testimony and exhibits will satisfy in-hand service dates, with follow-up hard copies provided by first class mail.

Columbia is not aware of any substantial consumer interest with respect to the proposed rate decrease. Columbia does not propose that any public input hearings be held absent substantial public interest in the filing.

To date, no settlement discussions have been held. However, Columbia will be working with the parties in an effort to resolve these proceedings through settlement.

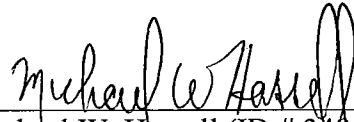
Columbia is not aware of any outstanding discovery disputes. Columbia is willing to work with the parties, through informal discovery, to expedite discovery.

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