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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

**RE: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania;
Docket No. R-2016-2529660**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission") the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of the Columbia Industrial Intervenors ("CII") in the above-referenced proceeding.

As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, all parties to this proceeding are being duly served with a copy of this document.

Sincerely,

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By 
Charis Mincavage

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Enclosures

c: Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale (via e-mail and First-Class Mail)
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
	:	
v.	:	Docket Nos. R-2016-2529660
	:	
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF THE
COLUMBIA INDUSTRIAL INTERVENORS**

The Columbia Industrial Intervenors ("CII") hereby submit this Prehearing Memorandum in the above-captioned proceeding.

I. HISTORY OF THE PROCEEDING

On March 18, 2016, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia" or "Company"), filed Supplement No. 241 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 ("Supplement No. 241") with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission"). Supplement No. 241 requested a general rate increase of approximately \$55.3 million over the Company's present annual revenues. Columbia supplemented this request with the Direct Testimony of several witnesses, responses to filing requirements, and documentation regarding the Company's proposals.

On April 25, 2016, CII filed a Complaint in this proceeding. A description of CII is set forth in Paragraph 5 of CII's Complaint. This proceeding has been assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Katrina L. Dunderdale, and a Prehearing Conference has been scheduled in this proceeding for April 28, 2016.

II. SERVICE LIST

For purposes of this proceeding, CII will be represented by the following counsel:

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III. ANTICIPATED ISSUES AND SUB-ISSUES

CII's preliminary review of the Company's filing indicates the need for Commission investigation into at least the following issues:

- (a) Whether the size of the requested rate increase is appropriate;
- (b) Whether the expenses claimed by Columbia are prudently incurred;
- (c) Whether the allocation of the proposed increase among customer classes is just, reasonable and non-discriminatory in light of the cost of service study results;
- (d) Whether the return on equity proposed by Columbia results in a fair rate of return;
- (e) Whether Columbia's claimed cost of service is accurate, legitimate and appropriately allocated; and
- (f) Whether Columbia's proposed Tariff changes result in unjust and unreasonable service for customers.

CII reserves the right to raise and address other issues of concern during the course of the proceeding.

IV. PROPOSED WITNESSES

CII is in the process of evaluating whether it will sponsor testimony in this proceeding. In the event that CII decides to sponsor testimony, it will immediately inform the parties and the ALJ of any intended witnesses and topics of testimony. CII also intends to participate in this proceeding through the submission of discovery, cross-examination of other parties' witnesses, and the submission of briefs, exceptions and reply exceptions, if necessary.

V. PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND DISCOVERY RULES

CII will cooperate with the ALJ and the parties at the Prehearing Conference to develop an appropriate procedural schedule and discovery rules in accordance with the Commission's regulations and any ALJ directives.

VI. POSSIBILITY OF SETTLEMENT

CII is willing to participate in discussions with the other parties to amicably resolve the issues in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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