

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of the Abandonment of Service by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., of natural gas service to six (6) customers located in Centre County, PA. : A-2015-2513395

and

Robert Bucha :
v. : C-2016-2528019
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. :

**INTERIM ORDER
REOPENING AND RECLOSING THE RECORD**

The evidentiary record in the above case closed by order dated May 31, 2016. On June 13, 2016, Columbia filed a petition to reopen the record in order to correct the address of Mr. Robert Bucha. Attached to the petition, Columbia included revised pages of its application which was admitted as Columbia Ex. 1, and revised pages of written testimony and verifications by the witnesses in support of the address correction. No party has objected to the petition.

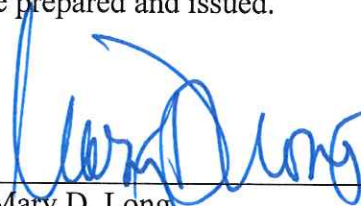
THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the record in the above-captioned matter is reopened.
2. That the revised pages to Columbia Statement No. 1; Columbia Statement No. 3R; and Columbia Exhibit No. 1, included herein as Attachments A, B and C, are hereby admitted into the record.

3. That the record is reclosed.
4. That an initial decision shall be prepared and issued.

Date: June 16, 2016



Mary D. Long
Administrative Law Judge

ATTACHMENT A'

Revised Page of Columbia Statement No. 1

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2 1751 Egypt Hollow Road, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

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5 **location of the six customers to whom Columbia wishes to abandon**
6 **service?**

7 **A.** Yes, please see Exhibit NMP-1, attached to my testimony, which is a map that
8 depicts the current route of the Snowshoe Lateral, identifies the section to be
9 abandoned, and shows the locations of the six affected customers.

10 **Q. What will you be addressing in your testimony?**

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13 replaced in its entirety. Further, I will describe the circumstances that arose which
14 enabled the Company to reconsider that initial determination and ultimately
15 determine that the appropriate course of action is to abandon the middle section of
16 the Snowshoe Lateral and seek Commission authority to abandon natural gas
17 service to the six affected customers.

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2 A. Nelson W. White, 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

3 Q. Are you the same Nelson W. White that filed direct testimony in this proceeding?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?

6 A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to address a claim made in the Direct
7 Testimony of protestants Rhonda Decker and Thomas Smith regarding potential
8 additional customers located in the immediate area of the existing Egypt Hollow
9 Road customers.

10 Q. Have you determined how many existing residences, besides the three existing
11 customers, are located within 500 feet of the connection point in the immediate
12 area of the Egypt Hollow Road customers?

13 A. Yes, there are 20 existing residences located within 500 feet of the point where the
14 existing Snowshoe Lateral pipeline intersects Egypt Hollow Road. The addresses
15 for those residences are 1715, 1726 and 1751 Egypt Hollow Road, 114, 115, 127, 128,
16 149 and 150 Jack Pine Lane, and 966, 967, 973, 974, 980, 985,987, 1006, 1007,
17 1012 and 1013 Runville Road.

18 Q. How did you determine the number of residences?

19 A. I plotted the approximate location of the intersection of the Snowshoe Lateral and
20 Egypt Hollow Road on Google Earth Map and used the Google Earth Map
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Revised Page of Columbia Exhibit No. 1

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Included as Attachment “A” to this Application is a schedule of gas delivered and revenue derived from the Snowshoe Customers over the most recent twelve month period available.

17. A map of the area affected by the proposed abandonment is included as Attachment “B” to this Application. The middle section of the Snowshoe Lateral is located in a rural area, and the only customers currently served directly off of the portion of the pipe to be abandoned are identified above. This section of the pipeline is not near any potential additional customers. Further development in the area is not likely to occur in the foreseeable future.

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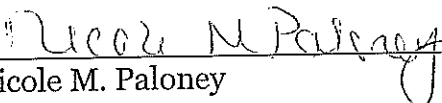
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VERIFICATION

I, Nicole M. Paloney, being Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., hereby state that the testimony set forth in Columbia Statement No. 1 (as revised) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that if asked orally at a hearing in this matter, my answers would be as set forth herein. I further state that I am responsible for Columbia Exhibit No. 1 (as revised) and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: June 7, 2016



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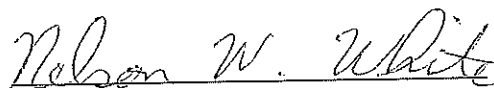
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VERIFICATION

I, Nelson W. White, being Manager of Field Engineering of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., hereby state that the testimony set forth in Columbia Statement No. 3R (as revised) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that if asked orally at a hearing in this matter, my answers would be as set forth herein.

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