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**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. : R-2021-3024296

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v. :

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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. :

**TWELFTH INTERIM ORDER**

**DENYING MOTION AND CLOSING RECORD**

On March 30, 2021, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia) filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) Supplement No. 325 to its Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9. Supplement No. 325 was issued to be effective for service rendered on or after May 29, 2021. It proposed changes to Columbia’s distribution base rates designed to produce an increase in annual revenues of approximately $98.3 million based upon data for a fully projected future test year (FPFTY) ending December 31, 2022.

On May 6, 2021, the Commission issued an Order suspending Columbia’s Supplement No. 325 by operation of law until December 29, 2021.

On September 7, 2021, a Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement) was filed. The parties who executed the Settlement, Columbia, the Commission’s Office of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA), Columbia Industrial Intervenors (CII), Shipley Choice, LLC d/b/a Shipley Energy Company (Shipley) and the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA), The Pennsylvania State University (PSU), and the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force (Task Force) provided Statements in Support of the Settlement that were attached to the Settlement as Appendices “D” through “L”. Two parties, Richard C. Culbertson and Ronald Lamb, did not join in the Settlement.

On September 8, 2021, an Eleventh Interim Order was issued ordering that any self-represented complainant may file written objections to or comments regarding the joint petition for settlement. The Eleventh Interim Order required comments or objections to be

e-filed with the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau and served on all parties of record and the undersigned no later than Friday, September 17, 2021. The order also provided that comments or objections filed after that date would not be considered.

No comments or objections were filed by September 17, 2021.

On September 24, 2021, Richard C. Culbertson filed a Motion to Properly Respond to the Black Box Settlement Agreement Among the Participants (Excluding Culbertson) Rate Case requesting three additional weeks to file a response to the Joint Petition for Settlement. On September 28, 2021, Columbia filed an answer to the motion requesting that the motion be denied.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Properly Respond to the Black Box Settlement Agreement Among the Participants (Excluding Culbertson) Rate Case filed by Richard C. Culbertson on September 24, 2021, is denied.

2. That the record for this consolidated proceeding at Docket

No. R-2021-3024296 is closed and a Recommended Decision shall be issued.

Date: September 29, 2021  /s/

Mark A. Hoyer

Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

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