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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: Application for Approval of Abandonment of Natural Gas Service by  
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. to One (1) Inactive Residential  
Premises in Washington County, Pennsylvania  
Docket No. A-2022-**

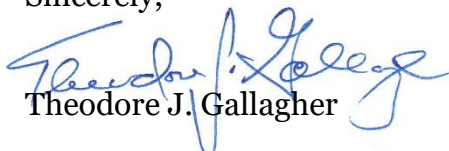
Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find an Application for Approval of Abandonment of Natural Gas Service by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. to One (1) Inactive Residential Premise Located in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

The appropriate filing fee in the amount of \$350.00 has been paid via electronic payment through the Commission's electronic filing system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 724-809-0525 or by e-mail at tjgallagher@nisource.com.

Sincerely,

  
Theodore J. Gallagher

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Enclosure  
cc: Certificate of Service (w/enc.)

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application for Approval of :  
Abandonment of Natural Gas Service :  
by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. : Docket No. A-2022-\_\_\_\_\_  
to One (1) Inactive Residential :  
Premises in Washington County, :  
Pennsylvania :

**APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia” or “the Company”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 1102(a)(2) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1102(a)(2), hereby requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approve the abandonment or discontinuance of natural gas service to one (1) residential customer on Columbia’s system in Washington County, Pennsylvania. In support of the request, Columbia states as follows:

1. The name and address of the Applicant are:

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.  
121 Champion Way, Suite 100  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

2. The names and addresses of Columbia’s attorneys are:

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3. Columbia is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a principal place of business at 121 Champion Way, Suite 100, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Columbia is engaged in the business of selling and distributing natural gas to retail customers within the Commonwealth and, therefore, is a “public utility” within the meaning of Section 102 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 102, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission. Columbia provides natural gas service to approximately 440,000 customers in 26 counties of Pennsylvania, pursuant to certificates of public convenience granted by the Commission.

4. Columbia seeks the Commission’s authorization to abandon service to one (1) inactive residential premises located in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Columbia previously provided service to the premises from a section of distribution line that is connected to a distribution main that Columbia owns and operates which is referred to as the Canonsburg Belt Line Medium Pressure Distribution Line. The total length of the section of mainline to be abandoned is 873 feet. The name and address of the affected person(s) is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Service Address</b>
Nathan Murin	545 Moore Rd, Washington, PA 15301

5. Columbia previously provided gas service to the premises from an 873 foot section of medium pressure plastic pipe that was installed in 1975. A map of the area depicting the facilities that Columbia proposes to abandon is included as Attachment A to this Application. The affected premises has not received gas service since July 2020 since the previous property owner chose to disconnect gas service and converted to propane.

6. Given the main's age and condition, it must either be replaced or retired. Columbia has determined that replacing the facilities that formally served the affected premises is not needed since the premises has not been disconnected from Columbia's distribution system since July of 2020, when the property owner converted the premises to propane. Accordingly, since there would be no expected revenue from the replacement of the facilities, the cost of replacing the facilities is not justified. Replacing the facilities that formally served the affected premises would result in a net increase to Columbia's capital investment of at least \$260,000. Consequently, Columbia submits that it is neither in the public interest, nor in the interest of Columbia's other customers, to replace the facilities that formerly served the affected premises.

7. Prior to filing this Application, Columbia sent a certified letter to the current property owner on February 24, 2022. The certified letter explained that the facilities that previously served the premises are no longer needed for the operation of Columbia's system, and therefore Columbia is planning to take the facilities out of service. The letter advised the property owner that Columbia intended to file an abandonment application with this Commission on or after March 10, 2022, and provided contact information if the property owner had any questions or concerns. Columbia received confirmation that the property owner received the certified letter. The property owner has not contacted to discuss or object to Columbia's proposed abandonment.

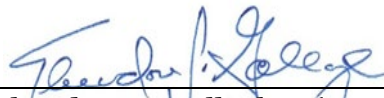
8. Approval of Columbia's Application is necessary and proper for the following reasons:

- a. The one affected premises has not received natural gas service since July of 2020, when the premises was disconnected from Columbia's distribution system and was converted to propane; and

- b. The significant cost to replace the facilities that formally served the affected premises cannot be justified, since such replacement of facilities will not produce any revenues and are not otherwise operationally needed.

WHEREFORE, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission issue a Certificate of Public Convenience, pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1102(a)(2), authorizing Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. to abandon natural gas distribution service to the premises located at 545 Moore Road, Washington, PA 15301, as part of its proposed abandonment of approximately 873 feet of mainline in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,



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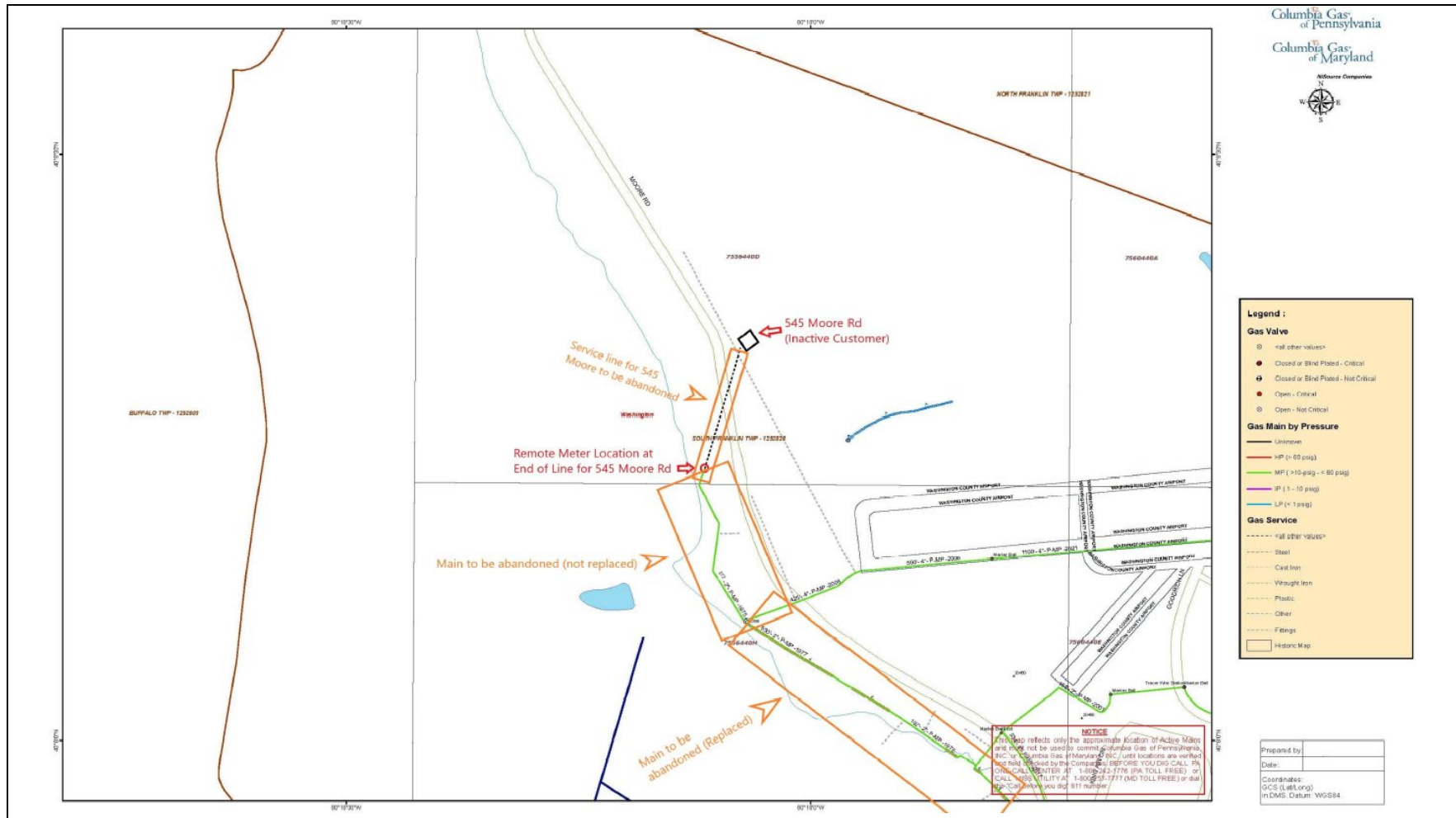
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Date: March 24, 2022

*Attorneys for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.*

## Attachment "A" Map of the Affected Area

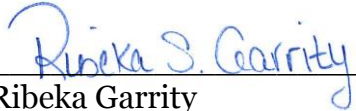
Columbia proposes to abandon 873 feet of mainline on the Canonsburg Belt Line Medium Pressure Distribution Line as shown on the map.



## VERIFICATION

I, Ribeka Garrity, Manager of Rates & Regulatory Service for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements made herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: March 24, 2022

  
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Ribeka Garrity  
Manager of Rates & Regulatory Service  
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

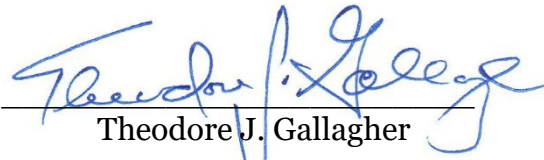
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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).

**VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Nathan Murin  
545 Moore Road  
Washington, PA 15301

Date: March 24, 2022

  
Theodore J. Gallagher