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**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Docket No. R-2022-3031172, et al.**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lindsay A. Berkstresser

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Emily DeVoe (w/attachment)
Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

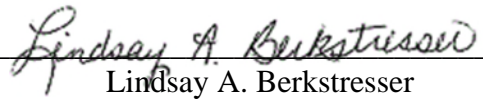
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2022-3031172
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2022-3031435
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v.	:	
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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. 1307(f)	:	

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

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE EMILY I. DEVOE:

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”), hereby submits this Prehearing Memorandum in the above-captioned case.

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

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Columbia requests that all documents in this case be served on Michael W. Hassell. Columbia also requests that Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Hirakis and Ms. Berkstresser be added to any email distribution lists in this proceeding.

The Prehearing Conference Order issued on April 4, 2022, requires that parties who are represented by multiple attorneys designate a lead representative for purposes of the prehearing conference. For purposes of the prehearing conference in this case, Ms. Berkstresser will be the lead representative.

Witnesses and Issues

As part of its direct case, Columbia intends to present the following witnesses:

Witness	Statement	General Subject Matter
Tina M. Monnig 290 W. Nationwide Blvd. Columbus, OH 43215	Columbia St. No. 1	Gas Acquisition and FERC matters
Jessica Fischer 290 W. Nationwide Blvd. Columbus, OH 43215	Columbia St. No. 2	Rate and Regulatory Matters
Nicole Paloney 121 Champion Way Suite 100 Cannonsburg, PA 15317	Columbia St. No. 3	Overview of PGC case presentation; treatment of pipeline refunds and penalty credits

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 information, 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, 2022.

Columbia’s Proposal in This Proceeding

On March 1, 2022, Columbia filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) certain pre-filing data required under the Commission’s regulations. That pre-filing data provided for a decrease in Columbia’s rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.01058/Therm from rates then in effect. Subsequently, Columbia filed with the Commission Supplement No. 341 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9. Supplement No. 341 is to become effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2022. In Supplement No. 341, Columbia proposes a decrease in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.01058/Therm.

Scheduling

Columbia proposes the following procedural schedule for this proceeding.

Other Parties’ Direct Testimony	May 6, 2022
Rebuttal Testimony	May 24, 2022
Surrebuttal Testimony	June 2, 2022
Hearings	June 7-8, 2022
Main Briefs	June 16, 2022
Reply Briefs	June 22, 2022

It is Columbia’s understanding that all parties agree to this schedule.

Settlement

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

Discovery

The parties have engaged, and continue to engage, in discovery. Columbia is not aware of any outstanding discovery disputes. Columbia is willing to work with the parties, through informal discovery, to expedite discovery.

Columbia is working with the parties to establish protective agreements that govern the treatment of confidential information exchanged in this proceeding. Columbia anticipates that there may be a need for a protective order to govern confidential material presented in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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