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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: December 15 Secretarial Letter – Recomputed STAS Notifications
Clarification; Docket No. M-2022-3037158**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:


Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”) submits this letter in response to the December 15, 2022 Secretarial Letter which directs jurisdictional fixed utilities that will not be submitting a recomputed STAS to file a notification explaining why not. Columbia is not required to submit a recomputed STAS because Columbia’s new rates, which took effect December 17, 2022, reflect the reduced tax level made by Act 53.

On December 8, 2022, the Commission approved the Joint Petition for Partial Settlement filed in Columbia’s rate case proceeding at Docket No. R-2022-3031211. Paragraph No. 25 of the Partial Settlement sets Columbia’s state income tax rate to 8.99%, in recognition of the changes made by Act 53 to lower the corporate net income tax rate in 2023. This provision avoided the need for Columbia to implement a STAS adjustment.

Copies of this filing are being provided to the statutory parties, as indicated below.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Amy E. Hirakis

Cc: Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
Office of Consumer Advocate
Office of Small Business Advocate

VERIFICATION

I, Nicole Paloney, 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: December 19 2022

Nicole Paloney
Nicole Paloney
Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.