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COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING
400 NORTH STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

December 29, 2022

Docket No. M-2022-3037158
Utility Code: 120700

Amy E. Hirakis
Columbia Gas Of Pennsylvania
800 N Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
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Re: Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania State Tax Adjustment Surcharge Filing

Dear Ms. Hirakis :

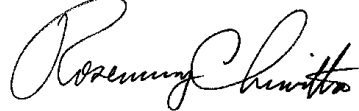
On November 9, 2022, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) issued a Secretarial Letter to all jurisdictional fixed utilities containing information on the reduction to the Pennsylvania Corporate Net Income Tax (CNIT) and the Commission's State Tax Adjustment Surcharge (STAS) procedures. Additional guidance, information, and clarification on the Commission's STAS procedures and the reduction in CNIT was subsequently provided by Secretarial Letter issued December 15, 2022.

On December 19, 2022, Columbia Gas Of Pennsylvania ("Columbia" or the "Company") filed a letter indicating that it will not presently be submitting a STAS revision to account for the reduction in the CNIT. There will be no change because Columbias new rates, which took effect December 17, 2022, reflect the reduced tax level made by Act 53. In this letter, the Company noted that 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 and that 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. Therefore, this provision avoids the need for Columbia to implement a STAS adjustment.

Commission Staff has reviewed the Company's letter and further investigation does not appear warranted at this time. However, this does not preclude this Commission from investigating the financial affairs of the Company and, in appropriate cases, ordering refunds or other remedies, which it deems proper.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code § 5.44, file a petition with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact Joel Greene, Finance Section, Bureau of Technical Utility Services at (717) 783-4454 or joelgreene@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary