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**Re: PA Public Utility Commission, et al. v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Docket Nos. R-2024-3047014, et al.**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing please find the Prehearing Memorandum on behalf of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Emily DeVoe (*via email; w/attachment*)
Certificate of Service

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).

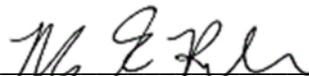
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	Docket No. R-2024-3047014
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	Docket No. C-2024-3047737
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	Docket No. C-2024-3047686
v.	:	
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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

**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. Tunilo and Ms. Rulli be added to any email distribution lists in this proceeding. For purposes of the prehearing conference in this case, Mr. Hassell will be the lead representative for the Company.

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; Columbia's Customer CHOICE program SM ; 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
Patrick Pluard 1500 165 th Street Hammond, Indiana 46324	Columbia St. No. 4	Gas purchasing and procurement strategies; Unified Sharing Mechanism; financial hedging program

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, 2024.

Columbia's Proposal in This Proceeding

On March 1, 2024, Columbia filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") certain pre-filing data required under the Commission's regulations. That

prefiling data provided for an increase in Columbia's rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.01968/Therm from rates then in effect. Subsequently, Columbia filed with the Commission Supplement No. 379 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9. Supplement No. 379 is to become effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2024. In Supplement No. 379, Columbia proposes an increase in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.01968/Therm.

Scheduling

Columbia will work with the parties to develop a mutually agreeable 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

Columbia is not aware of any outstanding discovery disputes. Columbia is willing to work with the parties, through informal discovery, to expedite discovery.

Columbia anticipates that there may be need for a protective order to govern the treatment of confidential information exchanged in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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