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**RE: Application for Approval of Abandonment of Natural Gas Service by
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. to One (1) Active and One (1)
Inactive Residential Premises in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2024-3049538**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to the Secretarial Letter issued in the referenced matter on June 13, 2024, enclosed herewith please find the Proof of Publication of Notice of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.'s Application.

The display advertisement was published on June 18, 2024, in the Leader Times (a newspaper of general circulation in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (223) 488-0794.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candis A. Tunilo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candis A. Tunilo

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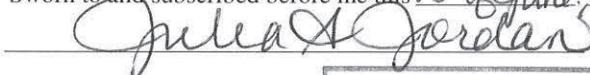
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Chinese premier agrees with Australia to 'properly manage' differences

By **ROD MCGUIRK**
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Chinese Premier Li Qiang said he agreed with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Monday to properly manage their nations' differences as they emerge from a hostile era in which minister-to-minister contacts were banned and trade barriers cost Australian exporters up to 20 billion Australian dollars (\$13 billion) a year.

Li, Albanese and senior ministers of both administrations met at Parliament House to discuss thorny issues, including lingering trade barriers, conflict between their militaries in international waters and China's desire to invest in critical minerals.

Li, China's most senior leader after President Xi Jinping, arrived in the South Australian state capital of Adelaide on Saturday and the national capital of Canberra late Sunday in the first visit to the country by a Chinese premier in seven years.

Li told reporters after Monday's meeting that the bilateral relationship was

"on the right track of steady improvement and development."

"We ... had a candid exchange of views on some differences and disagreements and agreed to properly manage them in a manner befitting our comprehensive strategic partnership," Li said through an interpreter.

Albanese, who in November last year became the first Australian prime minister to visit China since 2016, described the discussions as "constructive."

"Australia advocates that we should all work together to promote a regional balance where no country dominates and no country is dominated," Albanese said.

"I've made it clear as nations with different histories, political systems and values, we will cooperate with China where we can, disagree where we must and engage in the national interest," the Australian leader added.

Most of the official and unofficial trade barriers Beijing introduced in 2020 on coal, cotton, wine, barley and wood have been lifted since Albanese was elected.

Beijing had banned minister-to-minister contacts as it froze out the previous Australian government diplomatically.

Agriculture Minister Murray Watt said before the meeting that he would raise the issue of China's ban on Australian rock lobsters and exports from two beef processing plants.

"The mere fact that we have the first visit by a Chinese premier, the second-most powerful person in China, ... since 2017 is an enormous opportunity to continue that dialogue, to continue stabilizing our relationship and address some of the outstanding issues," Watt said.

Li was served lobster at a business lunch with wine-makers on Sunday and wagyu beef at a state lunch Monday, news media reported.

Li planned to underscore China's interest in buying a bigger stake in Australia's critical minerals sector,

which is essential to the global transition to renewable energy sources, by visiting a Chinese-controlled lithium processing plant in Western Australia state Tuesday.

Li visited New Zealand before Australia and is scheduled to stop in Malaysia late Tuesday before returning to China.

Australia shares U.S. concerns over China's global dominance in critical minerals and control over supply chains in the renewable energy sector.

Citing Australia's national interests, Treasurer Jim Chalmers recently ordered five Chinese-linked companies to divest their shares in the rare earth mining company Northern Minerals.

Watt said Chinese investment was not banned from the sector, but must meet national security criteria.

Albanese later told Li at a state lunch, "We won't always agree and the points on which we disagree won't simply disappear if we leave them in silence."

That appeared to be in response to a statement by Li,

released by the Chinese Embassy in Canberra on Sunday, that he recommended "shelving differences" between the two countries in the interests of bolstering relations.

Albanese confirmed he had raised with Li recent clashes between the two countries' militaries in the South China Sea and Yellow Sea that Australia argues endangered Australian personnel.

Chinese and Australian officials had agreed at the meeting to discuss improving military-to-military communications to avoid unintended incidents, Albanese said.

Relations tumbled over Australian legislation that banned covert foreign interference in Australian politics, the exclusion of Chinese-owned telecommunications giant Huawei from rolling out the national 5G network due to security concerns, and Australia's call for an independent investigation into the causes of and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Benjamin Herscovitch, a China expert at Australian National University, said he did not expect China to get

any firm commitments from Australia during Li's visit.

The two countries signed several agreements on Monday to cooperate on trade, education, climate change, culture and intellectual property.

Beijing would like to remove Australian opposition to China joining a trade bloc known as the CPTPP, more investment in Australian critical minerals and ambitious new cooperative agreements on science and technology, Herscovitch said.

But Australia had already made a concession to China in rebuilding relations through inaction by not imposing sanctions on Chinese entities that help Russia's war effort in Ukraine, he said.

"Australia is essentially giving China a free pass on that issue," Herscovitch said, while Australian allies, including the United States, Britain and the European Union were imposing sanctions.

China blames Philippines for ship collision in South China Sea. Manila calls the report deceptive

By **SIMINA MISTRERAU**
AND **JIM GOMEZ**
Associated Press

TAIPEI — A Chinese vessel and a Philippine supply ship collided near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea on Monday, China's coast guard said, in the latest flare-up of escalating territorial disputes that have sparked alarm.

The coast guard said a Philippine supply ship entered waters near the Second Thomas Shoal, a submerged reef in the Spratly Islands, part of a territory claimed by several nations.

The Philippines says the shoal falls within its internationally recognized exclusive economic zone and often cites a 2016 international arbitration ruling invalidating China's expansive South China Sea claims based on historical grounds.

The Chinese coast guard said the Philippine craft "ignored China's repeated solemn warnings ... and dangerously approached a Chinese vessel in normal navigation in an unprofessional manner, resulting in a collision."

"The Philippines is entirely responsible for this," the coast guard said in its statement on the social media platform WeChat.

Meanwhile, the Philippine military called the Chinese coast guard's report "deceptive and misleading," and said it would "not discuss operational details on the legal humanitarian rotation and resupply mission

at Ayungin Shoal, which is well within our exclusive economic zone." It used the Philippine name for the shoal, where Filipino navy personnel have transported food, medicine and other supplies to a long-grounded warship that has served as Manila's territorial outpost.

Philippine Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. said his country's armed forces would resist "China's dangerous and reckless behavior," which "contravenes their statements of good faith and decency."

"We will exert our utmost in order to fulfill our sworn mandate to protect our territorial integrity, sovereignty, and sovereign rights," Teodoro said. "It should now be clear to the international community that China's actions are the true obstacles to peace and stability in the South China Sea."

The United States condemned China's "aggressive, dangerous maneuvers" near the shoal, which "caused bodily injury, damaged Philippine vessels and hindered lawful maritime operations to supply food, water and essential supplies to Philippine personnel within the Philippine exclusive economic zone," U.S. Ambassador to Manila MaryKay Carlson said in a statement on X.

Two speedboats — attempting to deliver construction materials and other supplies to a military vessel stationed at the shoal — accompanied the supply ship, according to China's Foreign

Ministry, which described its coast guard's maneuver as "professional, restrained, reasonable and lawful."

The Foreign Ministry did not expand on the extent of the damage to the Chinese or Philippine vessels.

Several incidents have happened in recent months near the shoal which lies less than 200 nautical miles (370 kilometers) from The Philippines coast and where it maintains an outpost aboard the BRP Sierra Madre, which had been entrusted with rust since it was deliberately grounded in 1999 but remained an actively commissioned military vessel, meaning an attack on it could be considered by the Philippines as an act of war.

China has increasingly become assertive in pressing its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, which has led to a rising number of direct conflicts with other countries in the region, most notably the Philippines and Vietnam.

A new law by China, which took effect Saturday, authorizes its coast guard to seize foreign ships "that illegally enter China's territorial waters" and to detain foreign crews for up to 60 days. The law renewed a reference to 2021 legislation that says China's coast guard can fire upon foreign ships if necessary.

China keeps lending rate unchanged as data show housing market is still struggling

By **ELAINE KURTENBACH**
Associated Press

BANGKOK — China's central bank kept a key lending rate unchanged on Monday, choosing not to loosen credit as data for May showed signs of persisting weakness in the world's No. 2 economy's manufacturing and real estate sectors.

The central bank kept its rate for 1-year medium-term lending facility loans, used as a benchmark for other lending rates, at 2.5%. The decision aligned with expectations: Instead of cutting already low interest rates Beijing has focused on channeling spending

to areas considered to be high priorities such as high-tech industries.

The government reported Monday that factory output fell 5.6% in May from the year before, slowing from 6.7% in April, though analysts noted some impact due to more work days in this year compared with the year before.

Property investments fell 10% year-on-year and home sales sank 30.5%, suggesting a raft of measures to try to turn around a real estate slump have yet to take hold.

Home prices in major, so-called Tier 1 cities like Beijing and Shanghai, fell 3.2%. The downturn in the property industry followed a

crackdown on excessive borrowing by property developers several years ago. That led many to default on their debts as they meanwhile have struggled to deliver apartments that buyers had already paid for. That also hit contractors and suppliers of building materials, appliances and other household goods.

"This data was certainly on the disappointing side and may ring some alarm bells, as May's policy support package has not yet translated to a slower decline of housing prices, let alone a stabilization," Lynn Song, chief economist for Greater China at ING Economics, said in a commentary.

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before, July 15, 2024. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Application are available ONLY online for inspection and copying on the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov, and at the Applicant's business address. ALL Parties to proceedings pending before the Commission must open and use an e-filing account through the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov or you may submit the filing by overnight delivery to: Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. If a filing contains confidential or proprietary material, the filing is required to be submitted by overnight delivery. Large filings containing confidential or proprietary material may be submitted through the Commission's Share Point File system with advanced notice to the Commission prior to submittal.

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BY THE COMMISSION
Rosemary Chiavetta
Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary

Monday's Daily Puzzles

CROSSWORD
Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Sudden surprise
5 Aha's exclamation
9 USN rank
12 Part of the eye
15 Leg part
17 Jones' industrial average
18 Unmixed, as liquor
19 Varsity
21 "Give ... — rest!"
21 Over decorated
20 Stretcher with wheels
22 Out
23 Interprets
24 Sidelined
27 Head for the hills
30 "— Chuck!"
34 Abode
37 "The Raven" poet

DOWN
1 Roman godness
2 Someone To Watch — Me!
3 Spren
4 Japanese straw mat
5 Crooked
6 Follow
7 Wable
8 Put up with
9 Minnesota city
10 Furious
11 Influences
19 Actor — Damon
21 Walk unaided
24 Walkie-talkie
25 Sentinal labor gen. drug
26 Whiskey
27 Spiritual
28 Rolled cake
29 Lively
31 Shipping
32 Flimsy bed
33 Indispensable
35 Fat
36 Hugs around
39 Energy
40 Banned
41 Dogpatch
42 Zen
43 Lubricated
44 French art
45 The devil, mostly
46 Hit with
49 Hit with
50 Cooked
51 Enough
53 Timetable abbr.

WONDERWORD
BY DAVID
SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — both vertically and horizontally. Find them! Put their letters in the word and under it on the list. The letters in bold spell the WONDERWORD.

BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES
Solution: 8 letters

H S S E N T H G I R T A R S B E A R D
T N E T H G I A R T S Y O G A
M N E G A L L O G E S N M A C T
R O I P A I N T X R O I L S E
A E D I D I T P E I N L E C N
W V Y R H A O I T E A T A N O
K I E M I S C A T F A L N A I
C T S U A R I N L O T G E T
U C V R L O H I R E S A C
T E E G T W A P U E K A M C U
Y P N S H R I Y R E G R U S S
M S E T G A R D E N S T I N O
M R E B R A C E S S T N I T P
U E R S A T U R A T I O N G I
T P S T A T T O F A C I A L L

Beard, Brace, Brightness, Clean, Collagen, Color, Contrast, Date, Dye, Egg, Escapes, Facial, Goggles, Glasses, Harsh, Harms, Laser, Liquefaction, Makeup, Palm, Pierre, Perspective, Photos, Rival, Restoration, Saturated, Straighten, Sundry, Tastes, Teeth, Whitering, Ties, Tommy Tuck, Vendors, Warmth, Weight, Yoga
Last Saturday's Answer Revealed

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos
Celebrate other players in our crossword puzzles by using words, past and present. Each letter in the code stands for a letter.

D S X M F Y X K M K V E F D A R X U K E B I
N X W F X U K D B W I V N X Y K V X W Y D W
E B I V J X V A W X G D C K . L I R D X F X
A I V M D M B V . - H B K J D A N J B B

Previous Solution: "Fathood" is the most insanely amazing, most beautiful, unbelievable thing that can ever happen to you! — Justin Timberlake

TODAY'S CLUE: #41WB

SUDOKU
DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆

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	6	5	8	9		8		7
	8	2	1	7	6			
	8	7	2				1	6
			5					
4	6			9	1			8
		1	9	4	5	2		
		1	6	2	4			
5	4							9

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	3	2	9	8	7	5	1
6	7	9	6	1	2	8	4
5	1	8	2	7	4	6	3
8	2	5	1	9	7	3	4
7	9	3	4	6	2	8	1
1	6	4	8	5	3	9	7
9	8	1	7	2	4	6	3
3	4	7	6	1	9	5	2
2	5	6	3	4	8	1	7

HOW TO PLAY: Each square contains a number and set of 3 to 9 numbers. The numbers in bold are the numbers that can be placed in the square without repetition.

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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