

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2023-3043425
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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
DIRECTING PARTIES TO SUBMIT A STATUS REPORT**

On October 6, 2023, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) against Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia, Respondent, or Company), alleging violations of the Public Utility Code, Pennsylvania Code, and Code of Federal Regulations in connection with a natural gas explosion that occurred on October 29, 2020, at 448 Chestnut Street, Rimersburg, Pennsylvania. As relief, I&E proposes Columbia pay a civil penalty and take various corrective actions.

On October 16, 2023, Columbia filed a Letter requesting an extension of time to file a response to the Complaint. By Secretarial Letter dated October 17, 2023, the Commission’s Secretary’s Bureau granted Columbia’s request, extending the deadline for Columbia to file a response to November 14, 2023.

On November 14, 2023, Columbia filed an Answer to the Complaint, denying the material averments in the Complaint.

The parties have subsequently engaged in settlement discussions for the past several months, and I have directed them to submit periodic status reports regarding their

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