

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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| Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission | : | R-2024-3046519 |
| Office of Small Business Advocate | : | C-2024-3047905 |
| Office of Consumer Advocate | : | C-2024-3047675 |
| Ronald T. Bernick | : | C-2024-3048339 |
| Linda Allison | : | C-2024-3048588 |
| Philip Bloch | : | C-2024-3048478 |
| Pennsylvania State University | : | C-2024-3048624 |
| Daniel E. Skvarla | : | C-2024-3049677 |
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| v. | : | |
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| Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. | : | |

**INTERIM ORDER SETTING ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR THE
EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

On March 15, 2024, Columbia Gas filed with the Commission, Supplement No. 374 to its Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9. Supplement No. 374 was issued to be effective for service rendered on or after May 14, 2024. It proposed changes to Columbia’s distribution base rates designed to produce an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$124.1 million based upon data for a fully projected future test year (FPFTY) ending December 31, 2025.

On April 4, 2024, the Commission issued an Order suspending Columbia’s Supplement No. 374 by operation of law until December 14, 2024., the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) at Docket No. C-2024-3047675.

On April 18, 2024, a Prehearing Order was entered which, among other things, adopted discovery deadlines and a litigation schedule.

On June 20, 2024, Columbia filed the Motion for Protective Order of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. No objections were filed.

On July 17, 2024, a Protective Order was entered in this proceeding.

The telephone evidentiary hearing has been scheduled to begin on July 31, 2024.

On July 17, 2024, an Interim Order was entered providing for various deadlines and procedures regarding the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding. The Interim Order provided in part that all Parties who will present evidence or examine witnesses must consult with each other and prepare a witness matrix including the identification of witnesses for each party, indicating which parties intend to cross-examine which witnesses and the approximate amount of time for examination of each witness by each Party and cross-examination by each Party. The deadline to provide the witness matrix was set at Monday, July 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

The Interim Order also provided that, all Parties who will be calling in to the hearing, shall provide the legal assistant for the undersigned with the telephone number that you will be calling into the hearing from, as well as the telephone number for counsel and each witness that you intend to call to testify at the hearing. The deadline for providing this information was set for 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 2024.

On July 18, 2024, an Interim Order was entered that provided, in part, for the filing and service of any Settlement Petition on or before August 20, 2024, and the filing of Objections to any Settlement Petition not later than 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024. Deadlines for filing briefs were also established. The deadlines established in the Interim Order entered on July 18, 2024, modified the deadline for the filing of and Settlement Petitions previously provided in the Prehearing Order entered on April 18, 2024.

Under the circumstances, the following Interim Order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Parties shall comply in all respects with the terms set forth in the Interim Orders entered on July 17, 2024, and July 18, 2024.

2. That the Parties shall comply with the terms set forth in the Prehearing Order entered on April 18, 2024, as modified by the Interim Orders entered on July 17, 2024 and July 18, 2024.

3. That all Parties who will present evidence or examine witnesses must consult with each other and prepare a witness matrix including the identification of witnesses for each party, indicating which parties intend to cross-examine which witnesses and the approximate amount of time for examination of each witness by each Party and cross-examination by each Party. The witness matrix shall be provided to the undersigned presiding officer not later than Monday, July 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. The witness matrix shall also set forth if any Party intends to examine any witness regarding the substance of any statements, exhibits or testimony identified as confidential or proprietary evidence or materials and if so, identify which Parties, including individual Complainants who have not executed the confidentiality agreements or statements identified in the Protective Order entered in this proceeding. In addition, if any Party intends to examine any witness regarding the substance of any evidence or materials identified as confidential or proprietary evidence or materials during the evidentiary hearing, the Parties shall confer, prior to the hearing, as to how the Parties intend to introduce any confidential or proprietary information into the hearing record and include a summary of the proposal within the witness matrix.

Date: July 26, 2024

/s/
Jeffrey A. Watson
Administrative Law Judge

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