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IN REPLY, PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILES

M-2023-3039487

August 6, 2024

To: All Parties of Record at Docket No. M-2023-3039487
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. 2024-2028 USECP

**RE: Columbia Gas Request for Extension of Implementation Deadline for
Revised Amended Columbia 2024-2028 USECP
Docket No. M-2023-3039487**

On April 4, 2024, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) entered an Order (April 2024 Order) at the captioned docket directing Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia) to, *inter alia*, implement the approved changes within six months from the entry date of the Order (*i.e.*, October 3, 2024). These changes included revising Columbia's CAP payment options and eliminating the pre-program arrearage (PPA) co-payment and CAP Plus charges from CAP bills. April 2024 Order at 24, 28, 113, OP#5(a);120, OP#20.¹

On July 25, 2024, Columbia filed and served a letter in lieu of a petition (Columbia Letter) at the captioned docket seeking an extension until October 25, 2024, to implement the aforementioned billing changes. Columbia reports that the billing changes will require 1,100 hours of system logic programming and additional time to ensure all programming changes are working properly prior to issuing bills to CAP customers. Columbia seeks to implement the changes on October 25, 2024, to coincide with the start of a full billing cycle in order for the changes to be reflected on all CAP bills. Columbia Letter at 1-2.

Columbia asserts that it consulted with the other parties in this proceeding about this proposed extension and that they had no objection. Columbia proposes to file status updates on the progress of billing changes at the docket by September 1, 2024, and by October 1, 2024. Columbia Letter at 2. No answers have been filed.

Based on the explanation provided and the absence of stakeholder objection, we find it reasonable to grant Columbia's request. Accordingly, Columbia shall file status updates at this docket by September 1, 2024, and October 1, 2024, regarding the billing changes, as well as another update by October 25, 2024, to confirm the billing changes have been implemented.

¹ On April 19, 2024, Columbia filed and served a petition for reconsideration of other directives in the April 2024 Order. That petition was granted in part and denied in part by order entered on July 11, 2024, and has no bearing on the matter being addressed herein.

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If you have any questions, please contact BCS Energy Policy Analyst Nathan Froehlich at nfroehlich@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

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