

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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.	:	

**THIRD INTERIM ORDER SETTING VARIOUS DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES
FOR POST HEARING FILINGS**

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 July 18, 2024, an Interim Order was entered setting various deadlines and procedures for post hearing filings, including Settlement documents and Briefs.

The telephone evidentiary hearing convened and was concluded on August 1, 2024.

On August 13, 2024, and August 14, 2024, the undersigned presiding officer received email communications from the Parties advising that the Parties were engaged in Settlement discussions and requesting a revision of the deadline for filing a Settlement Petition and main Briefs.

On August 14, 2024, an Interim Order was entered which, *inter alia*, extended the deadline for filing Main Briefs and a Settlement Petition to August 22, 2024.

On August 20, 2024, the undersigned presiding officer received an email from counsel for OCA requesting a modification of the litigation schedule. The undersigned provided an email to all Parties proposing options to address the issue raised by OCA and received emails from Parties consenting to a modification proposed by the undersigned presiding officer. The undersigned presiding officer subsequently advised the parties by email that an order would be issued if no objection to the proposal was raised by any Party by 4 p.m. on August 20, 2024. No objection was raised by any Party. Under the circumstances, the following Order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Any Main Briefs and any Settlement Petition shall be filed and served on or before 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2024.

2. In the event that a full or partial Settlement is reached in this proceeding, on or before August 22, 2024, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., shall serve by first class mail, postage pre-paid and email, a copy of any Settlement Petition filed in this proceeding, upon all Parties and all individual Complainants, with instructions that any Objections to the Settlement Petition must be filed with the Commission Secretary and served upon the Parties and the undersigned presiding officer not later than 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

3. On or before 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2024, any Party filing Main Briefs shall serve a copy of its Main Brief filed in this proceeding, upon all Parties, the undersigned presiding officer and all individual Complainants.

4. On or before 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024, any Party filing Reply Briefs shall serve a copy of its Reply Brief filed in this proceeding, upon all Parties, the undersigned presiding officer and all individual Complainants.

5. On or before 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024, any Party filing Objections to any Settlement shall serve a copy of its Objections filed in this proceeding, upon all Parties, the undersigned presiding officer and all individual Complainants.

6. Any Reply Briefs and Objections to the Settlement Petition shall be filed and served on or before 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

7. On or before 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024, any Party filing Statements in Support of Settlement shall serve a copy of its Statement in Support of Settlement upon all Parties, the undersigned presiding officer and all individual Complainants.

Date: August 21, 2024

/s/
Jeffrey A. Watson
Administrative Law Judge

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