



September 18, 2024

To: All Parties of Record at Docket No. M-2023-3039487, Columbia's Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan for 2024-2028

**RE: Compliance Issue with Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc
Revised 2024-2028 USECP, Docket No. M-2023-3039487**

Overview

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*, submit a revised 2024-2028 Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan (2024 USECP) within 30 days reflecting changes consistent with the April 2024 Order. The Commission approved the 2024 USECP conditioned upon Columbia incorporating the changes directed in the April 2024 Order.

On April 19, 2024, Columbia filed a Petition for Reconsideration (Columbia Petition). On May 6, 2024, Columbia filed clean and redlined versions of its revised 2024 USECP (May 6 Compliance Filing). To date, no protests or other responsive pleadings have been filed relative to the May 6 Compliance Filing. On July 11, 2024, the Commission entered an Order (July 2024 Order) addressing the Columbia Petition which directed the public utility to, *inter alia*, file a further revised USECP within 20 days consistent with the April 2024 and July 2024 Orders.

On July 26, 2024, Columbia filed clean and redlined versions of its further revised 2024 USECP (July 26 Compliance Filing). On August 15, 2024, the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) issued a Secretarial Letter (August 15 Secretarial Letter) identifying, an area where the Revised July 26 Compliance Filing was inconsistent with the April 2024 Order. Specifically, in the July 26 Compliance Filing, Columbia's definition of household income incorrectly excluded income from adults who are 18 years old.

The August 15 Secretarial Letter directed Columbia to address the above issue in a further revised 2024 USECP within 20 days. August 15 Secretarial Letter at 2.

On August 29, 2024, Columbia filed and served clean and redlined versions of its further revised 2024 USECP (August 29 Compliance Filing)¹ which addressed the area of non-compliance with the April 2024 Order relating to the July 26 Compliance Filing. August 29 Compliance Filing at 28.

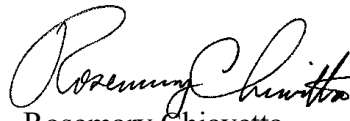
¹ Unless otherwise specified, all references to the August 29 Compliance Filing refer to the clean version of the revised 2024 USECP.

Conclusion

Accordingly, BCS finds the August 29 Compliance Filing to be compliant with the April 2024 and July 2024 Orders and the August 15 Secretarial Letter. These staff determinations relative to the review of the August 29 Compliance Filing will be deemed to be the final action of the Commission unless reconsideration is sought from the Commission within 20 days after service of this Secretarial Letter. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 5.44 (relating to petitions for appeal from actions of the staff).

If you have any questions, please contact Norma Bowman in the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services at nobowman@pa.gov.

Sincerely,


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