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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
to Proposed 2024-2028 Universal Service and Energy
Conservation Plan
Docket No. M-2023-3039487**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On April 4, 2024, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order at the above docket directing certain changes to the 2024-2028 Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”). As provided in Columbia’s letter filed on November 4, 2024, at the above docket, all required billing changes have been completed, and Columbia began issuing bills with the required changes on October 28, 2024. As such, Columbia submits for filing clean and redlined versions of its tariff incorporating the changes directed by the Commission.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Candis A. Tunilo

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COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

121 Champion Way, Suite 100

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

RATES AND RULES

FOR

FURNISHING GAS SERVICE

IN

THE TERRITORY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN

ISSUED: November 13, 2024

EFFECTIVE: November 14, 2024

ISSUED BY: MARK KEMPIC, PRESIDENT
121 CHAMPION WAY, SUITE 100
CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 15317

NOTICE

This Tariff Supplement Makes Changes to the Existing Tariff - See List of Changes Made by This Tariff Supplement on Page No. 2.

LIST OF CHANGES MADE BY THIS TARIFF SUPPLEMENT

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2	List of Changes	List of Changes.
139	Rate CAP – Customer Assistance Plan	Revised verbiage.
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RATE CAP – CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PLAN

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APPLICABILITY

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

AVAILABILITY

Available to any residential customer at one location using natural gas as their main heating source and meeting the following requirements:

1. This rate will serve 100% of the total requirements.
2. The total household income is equal to or less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
3. The customer does not take service under any other rate schedule.
4. The meter at the premises must serve only the customer's dwelling space.
5. The customer must agree with the terms specified in the Company's CAP Customer Agreement Form.

CAP CUSTOMER APPLICATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to gain acceptance in CAP and to maintain participation in CAP after acceptance into the Program, a customer must agree to, and comply with, the following:

1. Verify gross monthly income for all adult household members at time of application.
2. Reverify gross monthly household income bi-annually or tri-annually depending on source of income. This requirement shall be waived for up to three years if a customer applies for, and receives, an Energy Assistance Grant that is posted to the Company.
3. Notify the Company's Universal Services representative of any changes in income, household size, or residence.
4. Make timely monthly CAP payments.
5. Apply for federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits, and direct the payment of LIHEAP to the Company.
6. Apply for the Company's Warm Wise Program if the customer meets eligibility requirements.
7. Release the Company from any liability associated with the customer's participation in CAP.

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Rate CAP – CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PLAN (Continued)

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8. Agree not to use any non-essential gas appliance, such as a pool heater.

9. In the case of a CAP applicant who is currently without service, and who has a balance from a prior account, make an upfront payment in satisfaction of the prior balance up to, but no more than, \$150.

MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

The most affordable payment option for the eligible CAP customer shall be selected from the Options below. A minimum payment amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is required.

Option #1: Percentage of Income.

0 – 110% of Poverty	= 4%
110 – 150% of Poverty	= 6%

Option #3: Flat rate of 50% of budget billing (adjusted annually) for 0 -50% of Poverty
Flat rate of 75% of budget billing (adjusted annually) for 51 -150% of Poverty

A CAP customer's monthly payment shall not exceed the non-CAP budget payment applicable to the customer's account. In the event that a CAP customer's monthly payment is determined to exceed the non-CAP budget payment applicable to the customer's account, the applicable information is reviewed to determine if the CAP payment should be lowered or if the customer should be removed from CAP.

SECURITY DEPOSITS

Confirmed low-income customers and applicants will not be charged security deposits.

Any paid security deposits on accounts with an approved CAP application, and applicable interest specified in the Credit chapter, Interest on Deposits section of this tariff will be refunded.

Unpaid security deposits for customers entering into the CAP will be waived.

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- (C) This rate will serve 100% of the total requirements.
- 2. The total household income is equal to or less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- 3. The customer does not take service under any other rate schedule.
- ~~4. The customer is either over sixty years old or is payment troubled (i.e., has at least one failed payment arrangement with the Company within the past 12 months, has received a termination notice from the Company within the past 12 months, has been verified as a current participant in another utility's CAP, or is unable to establish creditworthiness through the use of generally accepted credit scoring methodology).~~
- ~~54.~~ The meter at the premises must serve only the customer's dwelling space.
- ~~65.~~ The customer must agree with the terms specified in the Company's CAP Customer Agreement Form.

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In order to gain acceptance in CAP and to maintain participation in CAP after acceptance into the Program, a customer must agree to, and comply with, the following:

- 1. Verify gross monthly income for all adult household members at time of application.
- 2. Reverify gross monthly household income bi-annually or tri-annually depending on source of income. -This requirement shall be waived for up to three years in any year that the if a customer applies for, and receives, an Energy Assistance Grant that is posted to the Company.
- 3. Notify the Company's Universal Services representative of any changes in income, household size, or residence.
- 4. Make timely monthly CAP payments, ~~including a \$5.00 co-payment on arrears.~~
- 5. Apply for federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits, and direct the payment of LIHEAP to the Company.
- 6. Apply for ~~any free weatherization service, including~~ the Company's Warm Wise Program, ~~as well as local county weatherization programs~~, if the customer meets eligibility requirements.
- 7. Release the Company from any liability associated with the customer's participation in CAP.

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Rate CAP – CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PLAN (Continued)

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8. Agree not to use any non-essential gas appliance, such as a pool heater.

~~9. Allow the Company to purchase gas on the customer's behalf.~~

~~109.~~ In the case of a CAP applicant who is currently without service, and who has a balance from a prior account, make an upfront payment in satisfaction of the prior balance up to, but no more than, \$150.

MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

The most affordable payment option for the eligible CAP customer shall be selected from the Options below. ~~The monthly payment will not be less than the average payment received from the customer in the previous twelve (12) months.~~ A minimum payment amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is required.

Option #1: Percentage of Income.
0 – 110% of Poverty = ~~74~~96%
110 – 150% of Poverty = ~~96~~96%

~~Option #2: Average of last 12 months of customer payments prior to joining CAP. (Available for customers with at least six months of uninterrupted service.)~~

Option #3: Flat rate of 50% of budget billing (adjusted annually) ~~for 0 -50% of Poverty~~
~~Flat rate of 75% of budget billing (adjusted annually) for 51 -150% of Poverty~~

~~Senior CAP Option: Flat rate of 75% of budget billing for all customers over 60 years of age with no arrears or payment arrangement default.~~

~~In addition to the monthly payment established under either Option #1, #2, #3, or Senior CAP Option, the CAP customer is required to pay a five-dollar (\$5.00) co-payment towards pre-program arrears, as well as an additional amount calculated each year based on the previous year's LIHEAP grants applied to CAP accounts ("plus amount"). The "plus amount" is determined by dividing the total LIHEAP cash dollars received on CAP accounts in the prior heating season by the number of current CAP customers. The monthly plus amount will be one-twelfth (1/12) of the final total. This amount will be calculated yearly and effective with the October billing cycle.~~

A CAP customer's monthly payment shall not exceed the non-CAP budget payment applicable to the customer's account, ~~exclusive of the \$5.00 co-payment towards pre-program arrears.~~ In the event that a CAP customer's monthly payment is determined to exceed the non-CAP budget payment applicable to the customer's account, the applicable information is reviewed to determine if the CAP payment should be lowered or if the customer should be removed from CAP.

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Confirmed low-income customers and applicants will not be charged security deposits.

Any paid security deposits on accounts with an approved CAP application, and applicable interest specified in the Credit chapter, Interest on Deposits section of this tariff will be ~~credited to the arrears prior to CAP enrollment refunded.~~

Unpaid security deposits for customers entering into the CAP will be waived ~~after income verification is complete.~~

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing documents upon the participants, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant) VIA E-MAIL:

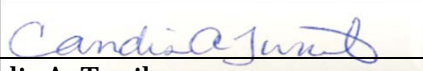
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