

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3053499
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3054550
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3054484
The Pennsylvania University	:	C-2025-3054780
Terri Walker	:	C-2025-3054662
Linda Slick	:	C-2025-3054552
Linda Allison	:	C-2025-3054434
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc	:	

FIRST INTERIM ORDER AMENDING PREHEARING ORDER

On March 20, 2025, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia or the Company) filed Supplement No. 392 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 with the Commission. The Company proposes to increase rates to produce additional overall revenues of \$110.5 million per year, a 12.0% increase in overall distribution revenue requirement.

Under the Company’s proposal, the total bill for a residential customer purchasing 70 therms per month would increase from \$138.52 to \$154.29, an increase of \$15.77 or 11.38%. The Company has proposed increasing the monthly residential customer charge from \$17.25 to \$31.97, an increase of \$14.72 or 85.3%. Additionally, the filing requests approval for Columbia to convert its pilot Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) into a permanent program, implement a Revenue Normalization Adjustment (RNA), and introduce an Economic Development Distribution Service tariff, and renew its residential energy efficiency program and establish a new commercial energy efficiency program.,

On March 24, 2025, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement (I&E) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On 3/28/25, Linda Allison filed a Complaint at C-2025-3054434

On April 8, 2025, the OCA filed a Formal Complaint, Public Statement, and Notice of Appearance at C-2025-3054484.

On 4/11/25, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed Complaint at C-2025-3054550.

On 4/11/25, Linda Slick filed a Complaint at C-2025-3054552.

On 4/11/25 the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA) filed a Petition to Intervene.

On 4/17/25, Terri Walker filed a Complaint at C-2025-3054662.

On 4/24/25, Pennsylvania State University filed a Complaint at C-2025-3054780.

On April 24, 2025, a Prehearing Conference Order and a Prehearing Conference Notice were issued.

On April 28, 2025, Columbia filed its Supplement No. 399 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9, pursuant to the Commission's April 24, 2025 Order suspending the proposed rates and rules contained in Supplement No. 392 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 until December 19, 2025.

On 5/5/25, the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force (Task Force) filed a Petition to Intervene.

The Prehearing Conference convened as scheduled. Counsel for Columbia, I&E, OCA and OSBA appeared, as well as the Pennsylvania State University, CAUSE-PA, Task

Force. (collectively, Parties). Linda Slick, an individual Complainant also attended the conference.

On May 9, 2025, a Prehearing Order was entered consolidating the complaints of the statutory advocates and the Pennsylvania State University, Terri Walker, Linda Slick, and Linda Allsion are consolidated with the above-docketed rate proceeding. In addition, the Petitions to Intervene filed by CAUSE-PA and the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force were granted.

The following litigation schedule was approved by the Prehearing Order entered on May 9, 2025:

Public Input Hearings	June 3-4, 2025
Other Parties' Direct Testimony	June 18, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony	July 17, 2025
Surrebuttal Testimony	July 31, 2025
Rejoinder Outlines	August 5, 2025
Hearings for cross-examination of all 2025 witnesses, oral rejoinder (In-Person)	August 6, 7, and 8,
Main Briefs	August 26, 2025
Reply Briefs	September 5, 2025
End of Suspension	December 19, 2025

Because of availability conflicts, Columbia witness Spanos will have limited availability for cross-examination on August 6, 2025. In addition, the parties have agreed to an extension for the submission of surrebuttal testimony by OCA witness Mugrace until 2:00 PM on August 1, 2025.

In addition, it was ordered that an in-person public input hearing was tentatively scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on June 3, 2025 at the Washington County Crossroads Center, 95 West Beau Street, Washington, Pennsylvania, at Public Meeting Room G-16 and that public input hearings by telephone were tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Parties were subsequently informed that an additional in-person public input hearing would be scheduled in York, PA on June 11, 2025 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Under the circumstances, the litigation schedule will need to be modified to permit supplemental direct testimony related to the York public input hearing.

Accordingly, the following Order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Parties shall comply with the following Amended Litigation Schedule as follows:

Public Input Hearings	June 3, 4, 11, 2025
Other Parties' Direct Testimony	June 18, 2025
Supplemental Direct Testimony Related to York PIH	June 23, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony	July 17, 2025
Surrebuttal Testimony	July 31, 2025
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2. That additional in-person public input hearings shall be held in York Pennsylvania on June 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. That the Parties shall comply in all other respects with the Prehearing Order entered on May 9, 2025.

Date: May 14, 2025

/s/
Jeffrey A. Watson
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Chad L. Allensworth
Administrative Law Judge

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