

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3053663
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3053812
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3054329
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v.	:	
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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

**INTERIM ORDER  
ADOPTING AND ENTERING INTO THE RECORD THE  
JOINT STIPULATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE**

On May 16, 2025, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia or Company), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA), and the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) (collectively, the Stipulating Parties) filed a Joint Stipulation for the Admission of Evidence (Stipulation) in the above-captioned proceedings. The Stipulating Parties aver they reached a full settlement in principle and requested that they be permitted to admit their evidence by joint stipulation. They waived cross-examination and requested that the evidentiary hearing be cancelled. They explained that the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement will be embodied in a “Settlement Petition” which will be filed with the Commission by June 13, 2025.

The Stipulating Parties agreed to admission into the evidentiary record the following testimonies and exhibits:

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>STATEMENT/EXHIBITS</b>
Columbia	Columbia Exhibits 1, 1-A (revised), 1-B (revised), 1-C, 1-D, 1-D-1 (revised), 1-D-2, 1-D-3, 1-E, 1-F, 2, 3, 4, 5 (revised), 5-A, 5-B, 6, 7, 8-A, 8-B, 8-C, 8-D, 8-E, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (revised), and 16.
	Supplement No. 398 to Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9.
	Columbia Statement No. 1, the Direct Testimony of Tina Monnig, and Exhibits TMM-1 and TMM-2.

	Columbia Statement No. 2, the Direct Testimony of Jessica Fischer, and Exhibit JF-1.
	Columbia Statement No. 3, the Direct Testimony of Nicole Paloney.
	Columbia Statement No. 4, the Direct Testimony of Patrick Pluard.

The Stipulating Parties request the Stipulation be adopted and the exhibits and statements identified in the Stipulation be admitted into the record on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation. The verifications for the testimony and exhibits to be admitted were attached to the Stipulation as Appendix A.

As this request is reasonable, it will be granted. The Stipulation is attached to this Order as Attachment 1.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Stipulation for the Admission of Evidence filed by the parties on May 16, 2025, and attached to this Order as Attachment 1 is ADOPTED and admitted into the record.
2. That the statements and exhibits listed therein are admitted into the record of this proceeding on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation.
3. That, by **4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2025**, the parties shall file the statements (with all appropriate verifications) and exhibits entered into the record pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 2 with the Commission's Secretary's Bureau.



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**JOINT STIPULATION FOR ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE**

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**TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE EMILY I. DEVOE:**

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia” or the “Company”), the Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement (“I&E”), the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), and the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), parties in the above-captioned proceeding (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Joint Petitioners” or “Parties”), hereby submit this *Joint Stipulation for Admission of Evidence* in the above-captioned proceeding (the “Evidence Stipulation”). In support of the Evidence Stipulation, the Joint Petitioners represent as follows:

1. On February 28, 2025, Columbia filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) certain pre-filing data required under the Commission’s regulations. Subsequently, Columbia filed with the Commission Supplement No. 398 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 9, along with its definitive filing, which included the written testimony of the four witnesses listed below. Supplement No. 398 is to become effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2025. In Supplement No. 398, Columbia proposes an increase in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.20855/Therm.

2. The proceeding has been assigned to Administrative Law Judge Emily I. DeVoe (the “ALJ”) for hearings and issuance of a Recommended Decision.

3. I&E, OCA, and OSBA entered notices of appearance in this proceeding. The OCA and OSBA filed formal rate complaints.

4. A prehearing conference was held on April 2, 2025, at which time a litigation schedule was established.

5. None of the other Joint Petitioners submitted testimony in this proceeding.

6. A full settlement in principle was achieved prior to the date for evidentiary hearings. On May 12, 2025, counsel for the Company advised the ALJ of the settlement in principle and requested that the scheduled evidentiary hearing be canceled and that the Joint Petitioners be permitted to admit their evidence by stipulation.

7. The terms and conditions of the settlement agreement reached by the Joint Petitioners will be embodied in the “Settlement Petition” that will be filed with the Commission in the above-captioned proceeding and submitted to the ALJ by June 13, 2025.

8. The Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the ALJ admit the testimony and the exhibits listed below into the record in the above-captioned proceeding:

**I. Testimony and Exhibits of Columbia**

9. Columbia Exhibits 1, 1-A (revised), 1-B (revised), 1-C, 1-D, 1-D-1 (revised), 1-D-2, 1-D-3, 1-E, 1-F, 2, 3, 4, 5 (revised), 5-A, 5-B, 6, 7, 8-A, 8-B, 8-C, 8-D, 8-E, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (revised), and 16.

10. Supplement No. 398 to Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9.

11. Columbia Statement No. 1, the Direct Testimony of Tina Monnig, and Exhibits TMM-1 and TMM-2.

12. Columbia Statement No. 2, the Direct Testimony of Jessica Fischer, and Exhibit JF-1.

13. Columbia Statement No. 3, the Direct Testimony of Nicole Paloney.

14. Columbia Statement No. 4, the Direct Testimony of Patrick Pluard.

**II. Motion**

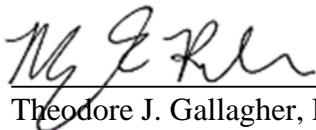
15. The Joint Petitioners request that the above identified testimony and exhibits be moved into the record without a hearing. All Parties have agreed to waive cross-examination in light of the settlement and the agreement to stipulate evidence into the record.

16. The Joint Petitioners request that the hearing scheduled for May 27, 2025, be canceled.

17. Verifications for the testimony and exhibits of Columbia are attached hereto as **Appendix A.**

WHEREFORE, the Joint Petitioners, by their respective counsel, respectfully request that Administrative Law Judge Emily I. DeVoe admit the foregoing testimony and exhibits into the record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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# **APPENDIX A**

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**VERIFICATION**

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I, Tina M. Monnig, being the Manager of Planning for NiSource Corporate Services Company's Supply and Optimization Group hereby state that the testimony set forth in Columbia Statement No. 1 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that if asked orally at a hearing in this matter, my answers would be the same as set forth therein. Further, I am sponsoring Exhibits TMM-1 and TMM-2 and Columbia Exhibits 2, 3, 4, 5-A, 5-B, 5 revised, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 revised and that they were prepared by me or under my supervision and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 5/15/2025

  
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Tina M. Monnig  
*Manager of Planning, NiSource Corporate  
Services Company*

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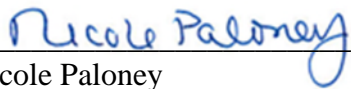
**VERIFICATION**

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I, Nicole Paloney, being the Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., hereby state that the testimony set forth in Columbia Statement No. 3 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that if asked orally at a hearing in this matter, my answers would be the same as set forth therein. Further, I am sponsoring Exhibits 1, 7, 9, 11, and NP-1 (Tariff Supplement No. 398), and that they were prepared by me or under my supervision and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 5/15/2025

  
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Nicole Paloney  
*Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs*

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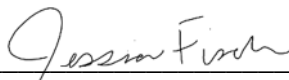
**VERIFICATION**

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I, Jessica Fischer, being Lead Regulatory Analyst for and on behalf of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., hereby state that the testimony set forth in Columbia Statement No. 2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that if asked orally at a hearing in this matter, my answers would be the same as set forth therein. Further, I am sponsoring Exhibit JF-1 and Columbia Exhibits 1-A revised, 1-B revised, 1-C, 1-D, 1-E, and 1-F and that they were prepared by me or under my supervision and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 5/15/2025

  
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Jessica Fischer  
Lead Regulatory Analyst  
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.,

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**VERIFICATION**

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I, Patrick J. Pluard, being Director of Portfolio Optimization for and on behalf of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., hereby state that the testimony set forth in Columbia Statement No. 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that if asked orally at a hearing in this matter, my answers would be the same as set forth therein. Further, I am sponsoring Columbia Exhibits 1-D-1 revised, 1-D-2, 1-D-3, 6, and 8-A through 8-E. These Exhibits were prepared by me or under my supervision and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



Date: 5/15/2025

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Patrick J. Pluard  
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