

**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
Alexandra Garlitz	:	C-2025-3055233
Daniel and Stacy Chronister	:	C-2025-3056194

v.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc

INTERIM ORDER
SETTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIEFS AND SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS

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 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). The Company proposed increasing rates to produce additional overall revenues of \$110.5 million per year, a 12.0% increase in the 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 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), introduce an Economic Development Distribution Service tariff, 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 Office of Consumer Advocate (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 a 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 scheduling a telephonic Prehearing Conference for May 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

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 was convened as scheduled. Counsel appeared for Columbia, I&E, OCA, OSBA, the Pennsylvania State University, CAUSE-PA, and Task Force (collectively, Parties). Linda Slick, an individual Complainant also attended the conference and represented herself.

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

On May 14, 2025, an Interim Order was entered modifying the litigation schedule to permit supplemental direct testimony related to the York public input hearings. In addition, additional in-person public input hearings were scheduled for to be held in York Pennsylvania on June 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

On June 6, 2025, an In-Person Evidentiary Hearing Notice was issued scheduling the evidentiary hearing for Wednesday, August 6, 2025, through Friday, August 8, 2025, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In order to assist the Parties in the preparation for the filing of briefs and settlement documents, the following Interim Order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Parties shall comply with the terms set forth in the Prehearing Order entered on May 9, 2025, as amended and supplemented by the First Interim Order Amending Prehearing Order entered on May 14, 2025.

2. For all briefs, settlement petitions and statements in support of settlement, the Parties must agree on a common outline for the organization of such documents, which shall include common headings and subheadings. Each party need not address every issue, but the same headings and subheadings must be presented in the same order. In addition, statements in support of settlement shall be specific and explain the benefit of the settlement terms to your client beyond the savings of litigation time and expense and how the settlement is in the public interest. An example of proper support in a statement in support of settlement would include an explanation of what was requested in the initial filing, your client's position, how the settlement terms differ from the original position or request, and the anticipated effect of the settlement on your client and/or the ratepayers.

3. In addition to the terms and provisions set forth above, the Parties must comply with 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.501, et seq., regarding the preparation and filing of briefs. Briefs must include proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and proposed ordering paragraphs. Page limitations on briefs will be discussed on or before the last day of hearing. The Parties shall submit to each Administrative Law Judge one copy by email. The electronic version of a brief must be prepared in Microsoft Office Word format. If in doubt, please email the office of Administrative Law Judge for clarification.

4. All citations and all information typically referenced in footnotes, which are identified in any briefs, settlement petitions and statements in support of settlement, shall be included in such documents as footnotes located at the bottom of the pages of such documents and presented in Times New Roman size 13 font, and shall not be included in the body of the documents. Any references to use of "*Id*" and any emphasis identified in footnotes, shall be italicized and not underlined, for consistency.

5. A settlement petition or joint petition for settlement must include an appendix table which sets for the following information: the current rates for each customer class, the rate increase proposed in the initial filing for each customer class and the rates proposed for each customer class in the petition for settlement. The presentation of rate impacts should be clear and consistent regarding whether the impacts include supply rates in effect at the

time of the settlement or are exclusively related to distribution rates. All of these costs and comparisons shall be stated in dollar/cents amounts and in percentages.

6. That any Settlement Petition shall include stipulated findings of fact to include supporting citations to the record evidence for each, proposed conclusions of law, proposed ordering paragraphs and a procedural history, with specific citations to the record, where applicable. In the event of a settlement or the filing of briefs, the Parties shall confer and establish a list of common issues which the Parties shall utilize in the organization of the briefs, settlement petition and all statements in support of settlement in these proceedings.

7. On or before September 5, 2025, 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 officers not later than September 12, 2025.

8. On or before August 26, 2025, 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.

9. On or before September 5, 2025, 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.

10. On or before September 12, 2025, any Party filing objections to any settlement shall serve a copy of its objections filed in this proceeding, upon all Parties, the undersigned presiding officers and all individual Complainants.

11. That the Parties shall comply in all respects with the terms of the Orders entered on May 9, 2025, and May 15, 2025, not inconsistent with the terms set forth in this Order.

Date: August 1, 2025

_____/s/_____
Jeffrey A. Watson
Administrative Law Judge

Date: August 1, 2025

_____/s/_____
Chad Allensworth
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