

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	R-2025-3053499
Office of Small Business Advocate	C-2025-3054550
Office of Consumer Advocate	C-2025-3054484
The Pennsylvania State University	C-2025-3054780
Terri Walker	C-2025-3054662
Linda Slick	C-2025-3054552
Alexandra Garlitz	C-2025-3055233
Daniel and Stacy Chronister	C-2025-3056194

v.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition are the Petitions for Reconsideration, filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) and the Coalition of Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA), on December 23, 2025, seeking

reconsideration of the Commission’s Opinion and Order entered on December 9, 2025, relative to the above-captioned proceeding. On December 30, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed an Answer in Opposition to the Petition for Reconsideration of the OSBA and an Answer in Support of the Petition for Reconsideration of CAUSE-PA. Additionally, on January 2, 2026, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., filed an Answer to the Petition for Reconsideration filed by the OSBA and an Answer to the Petition for Reconsideration filed by CAUSE-PA.

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure (R.A.P), Pa. R.A.P. 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed. Therefore, the Commission must act upon the Petitions by no later than January 8, 2026, in order to preserve jurisdiction.

Granting reconsideration pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petitions in order to preserve Commission jurisdiction and toll the thirty-day time period for filing a petition for appellate review does not automatically stay the Commission’s underlying Opinion and Order.¹ Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.572, petitions seeking a stay or supersedeas must be filed with the Commission within fifteen (15) days after the underlying Opinion and Order becomes final.²

Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration of the Petitions, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petitions; **THEREFORE**,

¹ 52 Pa. Code § 5.572; Pa. R.A.P. 1701.

² *See also* Pa. R.A.P. 1781.

IT IS ORDERED: That the Petitions for Reconsideration, filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate and the Coalition of Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania, on December 23, 2025, are hereby granted, pending further review of, and consideration on, the merits.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: January 6, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: January 6, 2026