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November 10, 2010

Rosemary Chiavetta Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE:

Request of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.

d/b/a IGS Energy to Amend its Natural

Gas Supplier License Docket No. A-125051

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served as indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures

cc:

Administrative Law Judge Office of Special Assistants

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file an Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the proposed Amendment to the Application of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. d/b/a IGS Energy (IGS Energy).

On September 17, 2010, IGS Energy filed a letter to update and amend their initial Application. In this letter, IGS provided notice to the Commission of its intent to provide service using the fictitious name (or doing business as, d/b/a) Columbia Retail Energy. IGS did not discuss how or if it intends to distinguish itself in its marketing of natural gas commodity supply from that of the incumbent natural gas distribution company (NGDC) Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania. IGS has agreed to pay Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania's parent, NiSource, a license fee to use the "Columbia" name for a period of three years. The Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) filed a Petition to Intervene and Protest on October 14, 2010 citing consumer protection and retail competition concerns.

The OCA files this Notice of Intervention to ensure that the interests of consumers are protected in this proceeding.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 10th day of November 2010.

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