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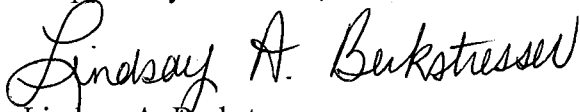
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**Re: Pa. Public Utility Commission v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Docket No. R-2015-2469665, etc.**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached please find the Prehearing Memorandum on behalf of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,


Lindsay A. Berkstresser

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Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service
Honorable Mark A. Hoyer

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
(Docket No. R-2015-2469665)**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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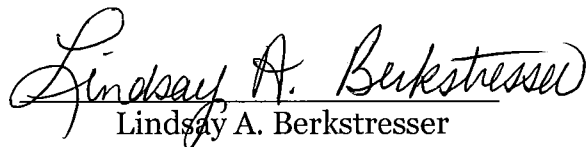
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
	:	
v.	:	Docket No. R-2015-2469665
	:	
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MARK A. HOYER:

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”), hereby submits this Prehearing Memorandum in response to the Notice of Prehearing Conference dated April 1, 2015 and the Prehearing Conference Order dated April 1, 2015.

Columbia is represented in this proceeding by the following counsel of record:

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Columbia requests that all documents in this case be served on Michael W. Hassell.

As part of its direct case, Columbia will present the following witnesses who will testify as to the matters explained in the following prefiled statements and exhibits:

Witness & General Subject Matter	Statement	Exhibits Sponsored
Henry A. Catron 200 Civic Center Drive Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 460-6222 Gas Acquisition and FERC matters	Columbia St. No. 1	Exh. Nos. 1-D-1, 1-D-2, 1-D-3, 2, 3, 4, 4-A, 4-B, 5, 6, 8-A, 8-B, 8-C, 8-D, 8-E, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, HAC-1, HAC-2
Nancy D. Krajovic 121 Champion Way Canonsburg, PA 15317 (724) 416-6370 Rate and Regulatory Matters	Columbia St. No. 2	Exh. Nos. 1, 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-E, 1-F, 1-G, 7, 9, 11, 16, NJDK-1

At this time, Columbia cannot provide any further identification of issues in this purchased gas cost proceeding. Columbia reserves the right to present additional witnesses, testimony and exhibits on all matters arising during the course of the proceeding, including all matters raised by other parties.

Columbia may amend its prefiled statements and exhibits, as appropriate, during the course of this proceeding, based upon more recent information, as such information becomes available. Such update(s) will reflect changes in information relevant to the determination of the proper level of purchased gas cost recovery rates to become effective October 1, 2015.

Columbia's Proposal in This Proceeding

On February 27, 2015, Columbia filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") pre-filing data required under the Commission's regulations. That pre-filing data provided for a decrease in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.14050/Therm from rates then in effect. Subsequently, Columbia filed with the Commission Supplement No.

230 to Tariff Gas - Pa. P.U.C. No. 9. Supplement No. 230 is to become effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2015. In Supplement No. 230, Columbia proposes a decrease in its rates for recovery of purchased gas costs of \$0.14050/Therm.

Scheduling

The parties to this proceeding have agreed to the following procedural schedule:

Prehearing Conference	April 7
Other Parties' Direct	May 5
Rebuttal	May 22
Surrebuttal	May 28
Written Rejoinder or Rejoinder Outlines	June 1
Hearings	June 3-4
Main Brief	June 16
Reply Brief	June 24

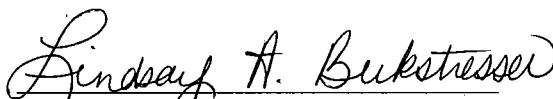
All dates are for in-hand delivery. Electronic mail for receipt and distribution of testimony and exhibits will satisfy in-hand service dates, with follow-up hard copies provided by first class mail.

Columbia is not aware of any substantial consumer interest with respect to the proposed rate decrease. Columbia does not propose that any public input hearings be held absent substantial public interest in the filing.

To date, no settlement discussions have been held. However, Columbia will be working with the parties in an effort to resolve these proceedings through settlement.

Columbia is not aware of any outstanding discovery disputes. Columbia is willing to work with the parties, through informal discovery, to expedite discovery.

Respectfully submitted,



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