

**ORDER NO. 87070**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
 OF COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND,  
 INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE  
 RATES AND CHARGES, PURSUANT TO  
 PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE SECTIONS  
 4-203 AND 4-207

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BEFORE THE  
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
 OF MARYLAND

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 CASE NO. 9386  
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**Issue Date: July 8, 2015**

**To: Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.; Maryland Office of People’s Counsel;  
 Technical Staff of the Maryland Public Service Commission**

On July 1, 2015, Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. (“Columbia” or “Company”) filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges pursuant to Public Utilities Article (“PUA”) Section 4-203, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, and the “Make Whole” provisions of PUA Section 4-207, *Annotated Code of Maryland* (“Application”). The Company also filed supporting testimony, schedules, and related tariff revisions with a proposed effective date of July 31, 2015. The proposed rates in the Application would produce additional revenue of approximately \$2.35 million per year. Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the PUA, the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates should be suspended for a period of 150 days from July 31, 2015. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposal.

**IT IS THEREFORE**, this 8th day of July, in the year Two Thousand

Fifteen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED:** (1) That the proposed rates filed by Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. are hereby suspended for 150 days from the proposed effective date of July 31, 2015;

(2) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness to the proposed rates are instituted by the Commission;

(3) That the matter is hereby delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division for hearing; and

(4) That Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. is directed to publish a display advertisement about the proposal in newspapers of general circulation in its Maryland service area.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ David J. Collins*

David J. Collins  
Executive Secretary

cc: Terry J. Romine, Chief Public Utility Law Judge