

**ORDER NO. 89179**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES  <hr/>	* * * * * * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND  <hr/> CASE NO. 9609 <hr/>
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**Issue Date: June 28, 2019**

**ORDER EXTENDING TARIFF SUSPENSION PERIOD**

On May 22, 2019, Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. (“Columbia”) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Maryland for authority to increase its annual base rate revenues by \$3.65 million and to revise the terms and conditions applicable to gas service effective June 21, 2019. By Order No. 89135, the Commission suspended the proposed rates for an initial period of 150 days and delegated the matter to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

On June 27, 2019, a pre-hearing conference was held and a procedural schedule was discussed. The procedural schedule that was set contemplates that a 30-day extension of the initial 150-day suspension period will be granted. All the parties consented to the extension. The Public Utility Law Judge issued a Notice of Procedural Schedule on June 27, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to Section 4-204(b)(2)(ii) of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission finds that extension of the initial suspension for an additional

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<sup>1</sup> Dkt Item No. 13.

30 days is required to ensure that the proceedings can be completed within the procedural schedule as set by the Public Utility Law Judge.

**IT IS THEREFORE**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year Two Thousand Nineteen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED** that the proposed rates filed by Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. on May 22, 2019, are hereby suspended for 180 days from June 21, 2019.

By Direction of the Commission,

*/s/ Terry J. Romine*

Terry J. Romine  
Executive Secretary