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President Mark Kempic  
Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts  
4 Technology Drive, Suite 250  
Westborough, MA 01581

RE: Chairman's Fifteenth Set of Orders under G.L. c. 25, § 4B

Dear President Kempic,

On October 1, 2019, I issued my Twelfth Set of Orders to address concerns with the work Bay State Gas d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts ("Columbia Gas") performed during the restoration efforts following the September 13, 2018 gas line event in Merrimack Valley. That set of orders, among other things, required Columbia Gas to pay for a third-party independent audit of all gas pipeline work completed as part of the Merrimack Valley restoration effort, to be contracted through the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"). The Department contracted with Dynamic Risk to complete this third-party independent audit.

Under the powers granted to me by Governor Baker under section 4B of chapter 25 of the General Laws, I hereby issue the following orders to Columbia Gas, which I deem necessary to assure public safety and welfare through the priority restoration or continuing availability of gas service:

- Columbia Gas shall pay for the third-party independent audit of the Merrimack Valley Restoration work that the Department contracted with Dynamic Risk to complete.

If Columbia Gas fails to carry out any of these orders, it will face fines of up to \$1,000,000 per violation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew Nelson

Matthew Nelson  
Chairman