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

RE: Chairman Orders under G.L. c. 25, § 4B

Dear President Bryant,

Pursuant to section 4B of chapter 25 of the General Laws, Governor Baker has granted me the authority to take such action as I consider necessary to assure public safety and welfare through the priority restoration or continuing availability of gas, electric and water utility services. NSTAR Gas Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, has offered and I direct NSTAR Gas Company to take prudent management control over the restoration efforts related to all gas pipeline issues in Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. Further, I issue the following orders:

- Columbia Gas of Massachusetts shall provide complete financial and personnel support to NSTAR Gas Company and shall reimburse NSTAR Gas Company for all its costs incurred within 90 days of the receipt of invoices; and
- Columbia Gas of Massachusetts shall immediately provide NSTAR Gas Company with all information and resources, including equipment, property and other assets, as I deem necessary in coordination with NSTAR Gas Company.

If Columbia Gas of Massachusetts fails to carry out any of these orders, it will be assessed penalties up to \$1,000,000 per violation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela M. O'Connor

Angela M. O'Connor
Chairman

cc: NSTAR Gas Company, d/b/a Eversource