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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: Ratification of the Chairman's Tenth Set of Orders under G.L. c. 25, § 4B

Dear President Kempic,

This follows up on Chairman Nelson's letter of June 11, 2019, in which he issued the Tenth Set of Orders pursuant to section 4B of chapter 25 of the General Laws and the authority granted to him by Governor Baker thereunder. That letter, which is attached, ordered Columbia Gas of Massachusetts ("Columbia Gas") to undertake certain actions to ensure the timely and satisfactory completion of ongoing restoration and recovery efforts in the Merrimack Valley following the September 13, 2018 gas line event affecting service in Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover, Massachusetts.

Under the powers granted to Chairman Nelson by Governor Baker and pursuant to section 4B of chapter 25 of the General Laws, the Department's Commission hereby ratifies the Chairman's Tenth Set of Orders. Under this ratification, the Chairman's Tenth Set of Orders shall be effective until and including February 14, 2020.

If Columbia Gas fails to carry out the Chairman's Tenth Set of Orders during this time period, it will be assessed penalties up to \$1,000,000 per violation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew Nelson

Matthew Nelson
Chairman

/s/ Robert E. Hayden

Robert E. Hayden
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/s/ Cecile M. Fraser

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