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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 Twelfth Set of Orders under G.L. c. 25, § 4B

Dear President Kempic,

This follows up on Chairman Nelson's letter of October 1, 2019, in which he issued the Twelfth Set of Orders pursuant to section 4B of chapter 25 of the General Laws and the authority granted to him by Governor Baker thereunder. The Department acknowledges that certain actions under the Twelfth Set of Orders have been completed.

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 Twelfth Set of Orders. Under this ratification, the Chairman's Twelfth Set of Orders shall be effective until and including May 1, 2020.

If Columbia Gas fails to carry out the Chairman's Twelfth 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

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/s/ Cecile M. Fraser

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