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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, ss

SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 1877CV01343G  
Lead Case

IN RE: COLUMBIA GAS CASES

**Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion To Establish March 27 Claims Deadline**


Plaintiffs move to establish March 27, 2020 as the deadline for late-filed claims.

The Court's March 12, 2020 Final Approval Order set April 27, 2020 as the deadline for late-filed claims. However, in light of the rapidly escalating effects the coronavirus pandemic is having on the already vulnerable Lawrence community, the sooner the Settlement compensation can be distributed the more positive effect it will have on residents and particularly on businesses.

Based on the Settlement Administrator's experience, the additional 30 days the April 27<sup>th</sup> deadline provides will produce a relative handful of additional claims. The benefit to this small number of Class Members is outweighed by the much greater benefit provided by the Settlement's infusion of cash to the residents and businesses, all of whom are now facing a second unprecedented event, the devastating impact of the coronavirus.

For that reason, Plaintiffs request that the Court modify the Final Approval Order to keep the March 27<sup>th</sup> late-filed claims deadline discussed at the Final Approval Hearing. Defendants do not oppose this motion.

*collected. The Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable and appropriate effort to notify class members of the new claims deadline of 3/27/20.*  
3/16/20

<b>CLERK'S NOTICE</b>	DOCKET NUMBER  <b>1877CV01343</b>	<b>Trial Court of Massachusetts The Superior Court</b> 
CASE NAME: <b>Francely Acosta, an individual on behalf of All others similarly situated et al vs. Bay State Gas Company Doing Business as Columbia Gas of Massachusetts et al</b>		<b>Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr., Clerk of Courts</b>
TO: <b>File Copy</b>	COURT NAME & ADDRESS <b>Essex County Superior Court - Salem J. Michael Ruane Judicial Center 56 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">You are hereby notified that on 03/16/2020 the following entry was made on the above referenced docket:</p> <p><b>Endorsement on Motion to Establish March 27 Claims Deadline (#89.0): ALLOWED</b>  The Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable and appropriate efforts to notify class members of the new claims deadline of 3/27/2020.</p>		
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