

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 1877CV01343G  
Lead Case

IN RE: COLUMBIA GAS CASES

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

The Plaintiffs respectfully move this Court for preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement filed with the Court on this date, entered into between the Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated, and Defendants Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, NiSource, Inc. and NiSource Corporate Services Company (collectively "Columbia Gas").

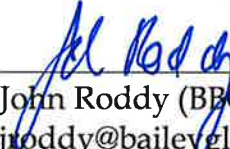
In support of their request, Plaintiffs assert that the proposed Settlement is fair and reasonable and consistent with the provisions of Mass. R. Civ. P. 23. In further support of the motion, Plaintiffs refer the Court to the Memorandum In Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, submitted herewith. The Settlement Agreement, Proposed Notice, and a Proposed Preliminary Approval Order are attached as exhibits to the Memorandum.

Columbia Gas does not oppose this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this Court preliminarily approve the Settlement Agreement and the Notice, and set a hearing to consider final approval of the Settlement.

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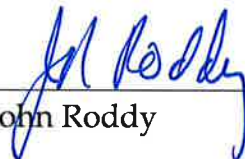
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