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**RE:** *Application of Virginia Natural Gas, Inc., For approval and certification of natural gas facilities, the Header Improvement Project, and for approval of Rate Schedules and Terms and Conditions for Pipeline Transportation Service, Case No. PUR-2019-00207*

Dear Mr. Peck:

Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or "Company") hereby submits these comments in support of the Virginia Natural Gas, Inc.'s ("VNG") Header Improvement Project ("Project").

Columbia is a growing natural gas service provider with more than 450 employees providing safe, reliable natural gas service to more than 275,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in nearly 100 Virginia communities. The Company has served Virginia for more than 160 years, providing natural gas to Virginia communities, as well as hospitals, schools, military installations, manufacturers and industries – ultimately enhancing the quality of life for people across the Commonwealth and beyond.

As a future capacity holder on the Project, Columbia and its customers will directly benefit from the Project's approval and completion. As noted in VNG's Application, the Project will enhance system resilience and supply capacity in some of the fastest growing regions of Virginia. Specifically for Columbia, the Project will enable the Company to enhance natural gas supply reliability and availability in our eastern central Virginia markets. In addition, through its interconnection with Columbia's system and others, the Project will improve overall operational capability and reliability of Virginia's natural gas pipeline systems, allowing utilities to keep up with growth and resulting natural gas demand across Virginia.

Beyond the direct benefits to Columbia customers, the Company also believes the Project is important in advancing Virginia's larger economic development and environmental goals. By utilizing existing energy infrastructure corridors, the Project also minimizes environmental and property impacts, while creating jobs and significant tax benefits for multiple Virginia communities. Finally, the Project will aid in a continuing reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in Virginia by supplying domestic natural gas as an electric generation source.

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For the foregoing reasons, CVA strongly supports Commission approval of VNG's Header Improvement Project Application.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brentley K. Archer

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