## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

In re:

ENVIVA INC., *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

) Chapter 11

Case No. 24-10453 (BFK)

(Jointly Administrated)

# OBJECTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC. TO THE CURE OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULE OF ASSUMED CONTRACTS

Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia Gas"), by and through the undersigned

counsel, hereby submits this objection (the "Objection") to the cure obligations set forth in the

Schedule of Assumed Contracts filed on behalf of the above-captioned debtors (collectively, the

"Debtors"). In further support of this Objection, Columbia Gas states the following:

## A. LEA/ATC AGREEMENTS

1. Columbia Gas and Enviva Pellets, LLC f/k/a Enviva Pellets Southampton, LLC

("Enviva Pellets") are parties to a Commercial Line Extension Agreement (Threshold Use) dated

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at www.veritaglobal.net/enviva. The location of Debtors' corporate headquarters is 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 1400, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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on or about March 27, 2020 (the "<u>Line Extension Agreement</u>"), along with an accompanying Aid to Construction Agreement dated on or about March 27, 2020 (the "<u>ATC Agreement</u>" and, together with the Line Extension Agreement, the "<u>LEA/ATC Agreements</u>").

2. Pursuant to the LEA/ATC Agreements, Columbia Gas agreed to construct and/or install certain system upgrades to allow for the provision of natural gas service to Enviva Pellets' facility located at 26570 Rose Valley Road, Franklin, Virginia 23851 (the "<u>Franklin Facility</u>") and to provide certain, specified quantities of natural gas to the Facility over a ten year period.

3. Pursuant to the LEA/ATC Agreements, Enviva Pellets is required to provide "adequate assurance" of its payment obligations under the LEA/ATC Agreements by causing either a letter of credit or a parent guaranty to be issued and continuously remain in place in favor of Columbia Gas.

4. In the event that Enviva Pellets fails to maintain such "adequate assurance," the LEA/ATC Agreements—by their express terms—are automatically deemed "terminated."

In order to satisfy its obligation to provide the above-described adequate assurance,
 Enviva Pellets caused its parent company, Enviva L.P. ("Enviva LP"), to issue a Guaranty dated
 March 24, 2020, in favor of Columbia Gas.

6. As more fully reflected in the Invoice dated April 3, 2024 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and expressly incorporated herein by reference, there is an outstanding, past-due balance of \$78,869.95 owing by Enviva Pellets under the LEA/ATC Agreements.

### **B.** THE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

7. Columbia Gas and Enviva, Inc. f/k/a Enviva Partners, LP ("<u>Enviva, Inc.</u>") are parties to an Engineering Services Agreement dated as of September 10, 2018 (the "<u>Engineering</u> <u>Services Agreement</u>").

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8. Pursuant to the Engineering Services Agreement, Columbia Gas agreed to provide certain engineering services to and/or on behalf of Enviva, Inc. to facilitate the provision of natural gas to the Facility.

9. As more fully reflected in the Invoice dated April 11, 2024 attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and expressly incorporated herein by reference, there is an outstanding, past-due balance of \$41,267.68 owing by Enviva, Inc. to Columbia Gas under the Engineering Services Agreement.

# C. DEBTORS' SCHEDULE OF ASSUMED CONTRACTS

10. On October 23, 2024, the Debtors filed their *Notice of Filing of Plan Supplement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Enviva Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates* (ECF No. 1251)(the "**Plan Supplement**").

11. As part of their Plan Supplement, the Debtors included a Schedule of Assumed Contracts.

Debtor	Counterparty	Counter Party Address	Contract Description	Cure (USD)
Enviva Inc.	Columbia Gas of Virginia Inc	1809 COYOTE DRIVE, CHESTER, VA 23836	Engineering Service Agreement Dated: 09/10/2018	\$111,907.45
Enviva Pellets, LLC	Columbia Gas of Virginia Inc	1809 COYOTE DRIVE, CHESTER, VA 23836	Construction Agreement Dated: 03/13/2019	\$
Enviva Pellets, LLC	Columbia Gas of Virginia Inc	1809 COYOTE DRIVE, CHESTER, VA 23836	Commercial / Industrial Line Extension and Threshold Use Agreement 09/27/2019	\$

12. Upon information and belief, the first of the above-cited listing is in reference to the Engineering Services Agreement.

13. Upon information and belief and notwithstanding certain discrepancies in the dates listed by the Debtors, the second and third listings above appear to be in reference to the LEA/ATC Agreements.

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### **D. GROUNDS FOR OBJECTION**

12. Debtors' Schedule of Assumed Contracts significantly understates the cure amount rightfully owing to Columbia Gas under the parties' LEA/ATC Agreements.

13. Specifically, while the Debtors maintain that the cure amount owing to Columbia Gas in connection with the Enviva Pellet's proposed assumption of the LEA/ATC Agreements is \$0,00, Columbia Gas maintains that in accordance with the Invoice attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, the cure amount rightfully owing by Enviva Pellets under the LEA/ATC Agreements is \$78,869.95.

14. Additionally, Enviva Pellets cannot properly assume the LEA/ATC Agreements in accordance with the requirements of 11 U.S.C. §365(1)(A), without satisfying the "adequate assurance" obligations expressly set forth in the LEA/ATC Agreement. To do this, Enviva Pellets must either: (a) have Enviva LP reaffirm its Parent Guaranty; (b) have reorganized Enviva LP execute a new guaranty in favor of Columbia Gas; or (c) cause an appropriate letter of credit to be issued by an acceptable financial institution in favor of Columbia Gas.

### **E. CONCLUSION**

15. On the basis of the foregoing, Columbia Gas maintains that there is good cause to sustain its Objection.

WHEREFORE, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (i) sustaining this Objection; and (ii) granting Columbia Gas such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on November 6, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served by electronic mail via the Court's Electronic Case Filing System to all parties authorized to receive electronic notice in this case.

<u>/s/ Christian Vogel</u> Christian "Kirk" Vogel Case 24-10453-BFK Doc 1286 Filed 11/06/24 Entered 11/06/24 14:15:19 Desc Main Document Page 7 of 12

# **EXHIBIT A**

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## \*\*\*\*INVOICE\*\*\*\*

A NiSource Company

- To: Enviva Pellets Southampton, LLC 7200 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1000 Bethesda, MD 20814
- FOR: Enviva Pellets Southampton, LLC Natural Gas Threshold Agreement #1854700
- DATE: April 3, 2024

Commercial/Industrial Line Extension Agreement #1854700 for 26570 Rose Valley Road, Franklin, VA 23851 (copy enclosed) has been evaluated and the amount due is as follows: (Minimum transportation volume required: 409,968 Dths)

Actual Usage Thro

Through Billing Period

<u>Amount Due</u>

182,546 Dths 12-31-2023

\$78,869.95

Please pay upon receipt of this invoice by remitting to:

Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. Attn: John Brunson 290 W. Nationwide Blvd Columbus, OH 43215

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, please contact Chad Zanow at 757-788-6476 or czanow@nisource.com.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

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of Virginia	MARCH 2024	<b>Invoice Date</b> 04/11/24 221	<b>Print Date</b> 04/12/24 12:34:23
	ENVIVA PELLETS SOUTHAMPT( ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	ON, LLC	
Account Summary :	Previous Account Balance Payments Received - Thank yo Other Debits And Credits Balance At Billing Current Charges Present Balance	\$33,037.50 \$21,239.93 \$21,239.93 \$33,037.50 \$8,230.18 \$41,267.68	Credit
	Amount Due	\$41,267.68	
	Please Pay Amount Due E	By APR 30, 2024	

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

For questions regarding your gas costs, gas deliveries, or gas supplier contract terms, please call your Marketer.

To report a gas emergency or for questions about meter readings, consumption, or to disconnect/connect service, please call the Columbia Gas Customer Service Center at **1-800-543-8911**.

For questions regarding your Delivery Service charges on this invoice or your Columbia Gas Delivery Service agreement, please call your Columbia Representative - Chad Zanow at (757) 788-6476.

**Payment Options:** Columbia Gas accepts Debit/Credit Card Payments along with Electronic Check Payments through our Aviator website located at www.ldcaviator.com. Please contact the representative listed on your invoice for access information and details.

Your account reflects a past due balance of \$33,037.50. To avoid collection activity and possible termination of service, please overnight the Past Due Amount to Columbia Gas of Virginia, Attention GTS Department, 400 White Clay Center Dr, Box 319, Newark, DE 19711.

To learn more about applicable riders, go to ColumbiaGasVA.com.

Information about Columbia Gas' privacy practices is available at ColumbiaGasVA.com.

CONSUMPTION SUMMARY								
Current Month								
PCID Number	From <u>MM-DD-YY</u>	To <u>MM-DD-YY</u>	Total Consumption	Qualified <u>Consumptio</u> n	Trans. Credits	Tariff <u>Consumptio</u> n		
21092206-001	03-01-24	03-12-24	4,469.0	4,469.0	4,469.0	0.0		
			4,469.0	4,469.0	4,469.0	0.0		

Please return payment coupon below with your payment to COLUMBIA GAS. If paying in person, please bring entire bill with you.

	Pay This Amount	\$41,267.68	Invoice Group 0002 1295
NVIVA PELLETS SOUTHAMPTON, LLC 6570 ROSE VALLEY RD			000 000 2 3910
RANKLIN VA 23851	Past Due After	APR 30, 2024	
Columbia Gas P.O. Box 16581 Columbus, OH 43216-6581 of Virginia	221	Make check payable to:	
ENVIVA PELLETS SOUTHAMPTON, LL	.C		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		COLUMBIA GAS	
26570 ROSE VALLEY RD		PO BOX 70319	
FRANKLIN VA 23851		PHILADELPHIA PA 19176-03	319
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## **RATE SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

Nomination Group: 10794

PCID : 21092206-001 26570 Rose Valley Rd Franklin Va

Rate Schedule : TS2			
	Rate	Quantity	Amount
Fixed Charges			
Customer Charge	3,618.4700		\$3,618.4
All Applicable Riders	1,379.0900		\$1,379.0
Transportation Charges			
Base Rate			
First 20,000 Dth	0.53920	4,469.0	\$2,409.6
Next 80,000 Dth	0.29980	0.0	\$0.0
Over 100,000 Dth	0.26510	0.0	\$0.0
Standby Demand			
All Gas (Dth)	11.82000	0.0	\$0.0
Standby Commodity			
All Gas (Dth)	1.82000	0.0	\$0.0
Other Charges			
Banking & Balance Tolerance Charges (Dth)	0.02630	4,469.0	\$117.5
	Rate Schedule TS2	2 Total	\$7,524.7
Taxes			
Isle of Wight Utility Service			\$200.0
Natural Gas Consumption Tax			\$9.8
	PCID 21092206-0	001 Total	\$7,734.62
	Nomination Group	o 10794 Total	\$7,734.62
_ate Payment Charge			\$495.5
	Current Charg	ges Total	\$8,230.1

DISBURSEMENT TRANSACTION REGISTER								
PCID Number	Source	Allocated Quantity (Dth)	Retained Quantity (Dth)	Net Available Quantity (Dth)	Disbursed Quantity (Dth)			
21092206-001	INTER : TCO	4,514.1	45.1	4,469.0	4,469.0			
	Total	4,514.1	45.1	4,469.0	4,469.0			
Source Total	INTER : TCO	4,514.1	45.1	4,469.0	4,469.0			

	METE	ER SUMMA	RY INFO	RMATION - F	CID 2109220	6 001	
Service Number	Billing From MM-DD-YY	Period To MM-DD-YY	Davs	Meter R	eadings Current	Meter Registration Mcf	Delivered Consumption Dth
501122766	03-11-24	03-12-24	1	0.0	0.0	24.0	406.0
Total C	onsumption					24.0	406.0

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P.O. Box 16581 Columbus, OH 43216-6581

Billing Statement For: ENVIVA PELLETS SOUTHAMPTON, LLC ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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CONTRACT SUMMARY INFORMATION							
PCID Number	Service Address	Annual Quantity (Dth)	Max Day (Dth)	Bank Tolerance (%)	Bank Tolerance (Dth)	Daily Standby Service Qty (Dth)	Daily Firm BBS Quantity (Dth)
21092206-001	26570 Rose Valley Rd Franklin Va	310,250.0	985.0	5.0	15,513.0	0.0	0.0
		310,250.0	985.0		15,513.0	0.0	0.0

## **LEGAL INFORMATION**

#### WE'RE ALWAYS READY TO HELP

The telephone number you need to call if you have a guestion or concern about your account is shown on your bill.

A variety of brochures are available by mail on subjects such as; customer services, safety, bill explanation, gas use and conservation. We also have speakers available to talk to groups and schools.

### FOR YOUR SAFETY

Make sure your gas appliances are properly installed and adjusted. Check venting systems. Call a qualified service company for needed repairs.

Our employees carry photo identification. Ask to see it when someone comes to your door. If you doubt the person is a gas employee, please call our office to verify the identity.

We add a distinctive odor to natural gas for your safety. When you smell it:
1) Leave the building... immediately! Don't light matches or flip an electrical switch.
2) Call the gas company's 24-hour emergency service from a telephone other than your own.

**Call Before You Dig** - If you're planning a home construction or landscaping project, always CARE before you dig. Call Miss Utility at 811 at least 72 hours before you start to dig. A representative will mark the approximate location of underground utility lines on your property.

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

Customer Charge - A monthly charge to cover such company costs as keeping up our gas lines to serve you, meter reading, and billing

Mcf - a measure of gas usage and shall mean one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of gas.

Gas Usage - Your gas bill is calculated in dekatherms. One dekatherm is equivalent to 1,000,000 Btus.

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Automatic Payment Service - You may have an authorized payment of your bill by a third party. You are responsible for all amounts due in the event of non-payment by your third party designee.

Payment Extensions - If you have problems, contact us for special payment arrangements. We can give you the names of agencies that may be able to help you pay your gas bill.

Retain this page for your records.

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