

ORDER NO. 90499

In the Matter of the Merger of AltaGas
of AltaGas Ltd. and WGL Holdings.
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9449

Issued: February 3, 2023

ORDER ON COMPLIANCE WITH MERGER CONDITIONS

1. On October 5, 2022, the Commission issued a “Notice of Comment Period”, allowing parties and interested persons to respond to the sufficiency of Washington Gas Light Company’s (“WGL” or the “Company”) March 26, 2021, response to the Commission’s request to demonstrate merger compliance.
2. On November 4, 2022, Staff submitted Comments on WGL’s compliance filing.¹ Staff raised concerns regarding WGL’s compliance with several merger conditions. Specifically, Staff contended that WGL either was in noncompliance or had not provided sufficient information to determine compliance regarding Conditions 3, 4, 9b, 9c, 11E, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 42.
3. On December 20, 2022, WGL filed detailed responses to Staff’s comments. In its responses, WGL provides additional information that attempts to address many of Staff’s

¹ Previously, the Commission had concluded that WGL violated Conditions 11 and 11F attached to the Commission’s approval of the purchase of WGL Holdings by AltaGas Ltd. Separately, Staff has provided comments in Case No. 9449 regarding WGL’s ongoing customer service remediation efforts following that decision. The Commission will address the violations of Conditions 11 and 11F in a future order.

concerns. Additionally, WGL disagrees with Staff's interpretation of many conditions. Staff did not respond to WGL's filing.

Commission Decision

4. After reviewing both pleadings, the Commission orders Staff and WGL to confer regarding Conditions 4, 9b, 9c, 11E, 14 and 42.² The Commission directs the parties to discuss any additional actions or information that would satisfy Staff's concerns.

5. Thereafter, the Commission directs Staff to address WGL's responses to its comments on the above-referenced conditions and whether WGL's responses satisfy its concerns. Within 45 days of this order, Staff and WGL shall submit a joint filing informing the Commission of the progress of the parties regarding the conditions identified in Staff's comments and whether any disagreements remain. The Commission will consider this matter at a future Administrative Meeting.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 3rd day of February, in the year of Two Thousand Twenty-Three, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, **ORDERED**:

(1) that Staff and Washington Gas Light Company shall confer regarding Conditions 4, 9b, 9c, 11E, 14 and 42; and

(2) that Staff and Washington Gas Light Company shall inform the Commission, in writing, within 45 days as to the status of any remaining disagreements as to compliance with these conditions.

² The Commission directs Staff to analyze more closely the data provided by WGL regarding Conditions 9b and 9c.

/s/ Jason M. Stanek

/s/ Michael T. Richard

/s/ Anthony J. O'Donnell

/s/ Odogwu Obi Linton

/s/ Patrice M. Bubar

Commissioners