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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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John C. Dodge
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Re: Case No. 9362: Request for Approval of Revised Timeline to File Utility
Coordinated Program Plan for 2019-2020

Dear Mr. Dodge:

By letter dated June 7, 2018, Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL” or “Company”) requested the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve a revised coordinated timeline for the Company to deliver executed Memorandums of Understanding (“MOU”) and to file a revised Utility Coordinated Program Plan for 2019-2020 (“Plan”) by September 1, 2018, which Plan would then be considered by the Commission at the fall 2018 EmPower Maryland hearings.

In Order No. 88514, the Commission declined to approve WGL’s proposed Residential Coordinated Program and adopted a procedural schedule with respect to the development and implementation of WGL’s Residential Coordinated Program. In its letter, WGL explained that it has been participating in the Gas Electric Coordination Work Group (“Work Group”), and the Work Group has been discussing and debating many issues involving the coordination of programs, but a consensus has not been reached on all the issues. WGL asserts that it “now has enough information to draft the MOU and issue it to the electric utilities for review and comment.” WGL proposed a revised procedural schedule beginning with a draft of a MOU done by June 22, 2018, and ending with the filing of its revised Plan by September 1, 2018. WGL notes that meeting the benchmarks within the proposed schedule “is dependent on participation and consensus among all parties involved in the Work Group.”

As WGL has not finalized its draft MOU, we conclude that WGL is unable to meet the procedural schedule set forth in Order No. 88514. WGL has proposed a very aggressive schedule that will permit it to file revised coordinated programs by September 1, 2018, and therefore enable the Commission’s review of the programs. Consequently, we find approval of the proposed WGL schedule is warranted.

WGL has acknowledged that it may not be able to meet one or more of the proposed benchmarks because of a lack of consensus by parties in the Work Group. WGL offers to inform Commission Staff of its “concern of not meeting the revised timeline.” Rather than WGL informing Commission Staff, we direct WGL to submit a status report to us, on or before each of the benchmark end dates, as to whether the benchmark will be met, the reason the benchmark was not met, and any proposed revisions to the timeline, which should be designed to meet the September 1, 2018 filing date. WGL’s failure to file its revised Plan by September 1, 2018, may jeopardize the Commission’s ability to adequately review the Plan during the fall 2018 EmPower Maryland hearings.

We hereby approve WGL’s revised timeline set forth in its June 7, 2018 letter, with the requirement that it submit status reports to the Commission on or before each benchmark date in the timeline as to whether the benchmark date will be met, the reason for any failure to meet the date, and any revised timeline designed to maintain a filing date of the revised Plan by September 1, 2018.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary