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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 7, 2018

In the Matter of the Merger of AltaGas Ltd *
and WGL Holdings, Inc. *

Case No. 9449

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

To: Service List for Case No. 9449 and Interested Persons

On August 3, 2018, AltaGas Ltd (“AltaGas”), along with the Maryland Energy Administration, the Baltimore-Washington Construction and Public Employees Laborers’ District Council, an affiliate of the Laborers International Union of North America, and the National Consumer Law Center, National Housing Trust, the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, and the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (collectively, “Filing Parties”) filed with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a compliance filing in connection with Condition 52 (the Most Favored Nation (“MFN”) provision) of Commission Order No. 88631 (“Merger Order”).¹

According to the filing, the implementation of the MFN provision will result in Maryland’s Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL”) customers receiving an additional \$3,878,034.85, on top of the \$89,095,000.00 already ordered by the Commission, for a total of \$92,973,034.85 in direct financial payments. Pursuant to the MFN provision, if additional funds are required to be paid,

the Applicants will consent to an order by the Maryland Public Service Commission for AltaGas to provide additional money (“MFN Dollars”) for Maryland natural gas expansion programs ... [a]ny MFN Dollars required under this provision shall be allocated by the Commission in any manner that is consistent with the public interest.²

¹ A copy of the compliance filing can be viewed or downloaded from the electronic case jacket in this proceeding available on the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us.

² Merger Order, Appendix A at A-20 (Condition 52(d)).

After reviewing the compliance filing, the Commission has determined that a legislative-style hearing and comments from parties other than the Filing Parties in the proceeding are necessary to fully evaluate compliance with Condition 52 and determine the appropriate allocation of the MFN Dollars consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby provides notice of a hearing and comment period as follows:

Written Comments

- Initial written comments from parties (who desire to do so) other than the Filing Parties shall be filed by October 3, 2018.
- Reply comments from the Filing Parties (individually or collectively) shall be filed by October 17, 2018.

An original and 17 paper copies, and one electronic copy,³ of any initial or the reply comments shall be submitted to Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and reference “Case No. 9449.”

Legislative-style Hearing

- Wednesday, October 24, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary

³ The Commission encourages submission of the electronic copy through the Commission’s e-File system, which may be accessed through the Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us (online services).