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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 2, 2019

In the Matter of an Investigation of
Washington Gas Light Company Regarding
a Building Explosion and Fire in Silver
Spring, Maryland on August 10, 2016

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Case No. 9622

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

On September 5, 2019, the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order to Show Cause,¹ requiring Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL”) to file a response to the probable cause findings of the National Transportation Safety Board in its June 10, 2019 “Pipeline Accident Report,” WGL’s plan for implementing the recommendations in NTSB’s report, and an evaluation of the risks associated with the plan as well as all measures WGL intends to take to minimize these risks.² The Commission stated that following WGL’s compliance filings and the replies of other parties, it would schedule a hearing in the Silver Spring area to receive input on the issues raised in the Order to Show Cause and allow members of the public, public officials, WGL, and any other interested party the opportunity to provide comment for the Commission’s consideration. On October 18, 2019, WGL filed its Response to Order to Show Cause (“Response”), and on November 18, 2019, the Commission received replies from the

¹ Order No. 89248.

² The Commission also required WGL to provide evidence regarding the status of the mercury regulator replacement program and, if not completed, show cause why the Commission should not impose certain penalties for failing to meet certain regulatory standards.

Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, the Commission's Technical Staff, Montgomery County, Maryland, and the Office of People's Counsel.

Accordingly, a hearing to receive comments on the issues raised in the Commission's Order to Show Cause, WGL's Response, and the reply comments has been scheduled as follows:

Public Comment Hearing in Silver Spring, Maryland:

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019
6:00 PM**

**Long Branch Library
8800 Garland Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901**

Spanish interpretation services will be available at the hearing.

Written comments by first class mail, or by hand-delivery, shall be submitted by Friday, January 31, 2020, and should be addressed to Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 and reference "Case No. 9622." Public comments sent electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment system, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment system are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>.³ All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9622.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

³ Commenters utilizing the Public Comment system are required to complete a one-time registration.