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Columbia Gas Rate Increase Hearings Scheduled In Hagerstown, Cumberland

(BALTIMORE, MD-July 5, 2016) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two public hearings related to the application of Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. for a \$6.5 million increase in its base rates. Columbia provides gas distribution services to about 33,000 customers in Maryland. Under the rates as proposed, the total bill for a typical residential customer would increase more than 21 percent. According to the company, the rate increase request arises from Columbia's investments in its pipeline infrastructure and increased operating and maintenance expenses.

The case filings are available in the electronic docket file (Case No. [9417](#)) which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are welcome to attend the proceedings before Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7pm
Hagerstown Community College
Career Programs Bldg, Rm 131
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7pm
Cumberland Ramada
Crown South Boardroom
100 South George Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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Members of the public may also submit written comments by **Friday, July 22, 2016** to:
David J. Collins, Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
William Donald Schaefer Tower
6 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Please be sure to include the case number [9417](#) with all comments. In addition to the mailed comments, the public is encouraged to use the Commission's e-file system at www.psc.state.md.us/efile/ to provide an electronic copy of their comments.

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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.

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