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Maryland PSC Schedules Hearings for BGE's New Infrastructure Improvement Plan (STRIDE 2)

(Baltimore, MD—February 27, 2018) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two public hearings on the proposal by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) of a new, accelerated gas system strategic infrastructure development and enhancement plan (STRIDE 2) and an accompanying cost recovery mechanism. To improve the safety of its system, the company plans to replace all of its cast iron and bare steel mains and other outmoded gas services. BGE's current STRIDE program was implemented as a result of legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2013; the program became effective in 2014 and is scheduled to end in late 2018.

According to the application, the \$963 million, five-year improvement plan and its monthly surcharge on customers' bills, would become effective January 1, 2019. BGE provides gas service to 670,000 customers across central Maryland. According to the company, for the first year of the new program, the estimated monthly STRIDE surcharge for a residential customer will be 79 cents (by law, the surcharge is capped at \$2 per month for residential customers).

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are welcome to attend one of the hearings:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30pm
Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt (Auditorium)
6501 N. Charles Street
Towson (Baltimore County), Maryland 21204

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30pm
Hilton Garden Inn (Columbia Room)
8241 Snowden River Parkway
Columbia (Howard County), Maryland 21045

The application and associated filings in the case are available in the electronic docket for Case No. [9468](#), which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us.

Written comments referencing Case No. [9468](#) may also be mailed by **Friday, April 6, 2018** to:

David J. Collins, Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
William Donald Schaefer Tower
6 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

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