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Maryland PSC to Hold Virtual Public Hearing For Easton Utilities Commission Rate Case

(BALTIMORE, MD-June 24, 2020) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing **Wednesday**, **July 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.** on Easton Utilities Commission's "Make Whole" rate case. An evidentiary hearing was held on April 17, 2020, to consider a settlement agreement and supporting testimony. Under the terms of the settlement, Easton Utilities would increase gas service rates by \$81,865 and electric service rates by \$485,165, effective September 1, 2020. The virtual hearing will be conducted by Chief Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean.

Parties to the settlement agreement include Easton Utilities, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel and the Commission's Technical Staff. Easton's initial application requested an increase in gas rates by \$108,990 and electricity rates by \$534,461.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing should send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon on July 7, 2020 to receive the WebEx link. For viewing only, the hearing will also be livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel, https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP

Filings in this case are available in the electronic docket file for Case No. <u>9634</u>, which may be viewed or downloaded at <u>www.psc.state.md.us</u>.

Written comments may be submitted electronically by **July 10, 2020** using the Commission's public comments online filing system at https://bit.ly/2Z0ey8Q. Comments may be uploaded after completing a one-time registration.

As an alternative, comments referencing Case No. 9634 may also be mailed (**by July 10, 2020**) to:

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