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**Maryland Public Service Commission Schedules Public Hearing
In Maryland Water Service, Inc. Rate Case**

(BALTIMORE, MD—October 4, 2016)—A public comment hearing will be held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:30pm** for the application by Maryland Water Service, Inc. to revise its rates for water and wastewater services. Maryland Water Service provides water and wastewater service to more than 1,000 customers in the Pinto/Bel Air and Highland Estates communities in Allegany County.

The hearing will be held at **the Center for Career and Technical Education, 14211 McMullen Highway, in Cresaptown, Maryland**. Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are welcome to attend the proceeding before Public Utility Law Judge Dennis H. Sober.

According to its application, Maryland Water Service proposes to raise its rates by \$178,764—a total increase of just over 21 percent. The proposed adjustment to the company's rates and charges will result in an increase on the average Highland Estates residential water customer of 2.33 percent; on the average Pinto water customer of 11.89 percent and the average Pinto wastewater customer of approximately 19.62 percent. The primary reasons for the Company's proposed rate increase relate to increases in plant investments, operating expenses, and declining consumption.

The application has been docketed by the Commission as Case No. [9423](#). Case filings and associated pleadings in the matter are available in the electronic docket file ([9423](#)) which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us.

Comments may be submitted in writing by **Friday, October 21, 2016**. Members of the public are encouraged to use the Commission's e-file system at www.psc.state.md.us/efile/ to provide an electronic copy of their comments. Please be sure to include the case number [9423](#) with all comments.

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Written comments may also be sent to:
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