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# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 19, 2017

In The Matter Of The Merger of AltaGas, Ltd. And WGL Holdings, Inc.

Case No. 9449

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## NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

## To: Service List for Case No. 9449 and Interested Persons

Pursuant to the Maryland Public Service Commission's ("Commission") December 4, 2017 Notice of Scheduling Conference, on December 19, 2017, the Commission held a scheduling conference to establish a further procedural schedule to consider a settlement agreement filed in this proceeding. Attorneys representing the Joint Applicants; Maryland Energy Administration ("MEA"); Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington ("AOBA"); United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies ("DOD"); Montgomery County; Prince George's County; Baltimore-Washington Construction and Public Employees Laborers' District Council, an affiliate of the Laborers International Union of North America ("LiUNA"); National Consumer Law Center, National Housing Trust, Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, and the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers; Local 2 of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO ("Local 2"); Office of People's Counsel; and the Commission's Technical Staff, entered their appearances at the scheduling conference.

After hearing from the parties, the Commission adopted the following procedural schedule to consider the Settlement Agreement:

# Written Testimony: <sup>2</sup>

• Testimony by the Settling Parties shall be filed by January 5, 2018.

<sup>1</sup>The settlement agreement between AltaGas., Ltd., WGL Holdings, Inc. and Washington Gas Light Company (collectively, Joint Applicants"), Montgomery County, Prince George's County, the Maryland Energy Administration ("MEA"), and the Baltimore-Washington Construction and Public Employees Laborers District Council, an affiliate of the Laborers International Union of North America ("LiUNA") (collectively, "Settling Parties") was filed on December 1, 2017 ("Settlement Agreement"). See ML 218043.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy, of the testimony shall be submitted to the Commission, and, five copies of all testimony shall be three-holed punched. In addition, all testimony shall be served electronically on each of the Parties to avoid delay in receipt of such testimony.

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• Reply Testimony by all other Parties who desire to do so shall be filed by Noon on January 29, 2018.

### Settlement Evidentiary Hearings:

- Tuesday, February 6, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- Thursday, February 8, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and
- Friday, February 9, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The hearings will be held in the Commission's 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room at 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The Commission reserves the right to modify the start time of the hearings and procedural schedule, as necessary.

## Written Public Comments:

 Written public comments on the settlement agreement may also be filed by Friday, February 23, 2018. Original signed paper comments shall be submitted via U.S. mail to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and reference "Case No. 9449 – Public Comment."

## Written Briefs:

• Written Briefs from all parties shall be filed by March 1, 2018.

### Discovery Period:

- Discovery requests shall be limited to the Settlement Agreement and whether it complies with § 6-105 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*.
- After January 5, 2018, response time for discovery requests from all parties shall be reduced from five (5) business days to three (3) business days.
- After Noon on January 29, 2018, response time for discovery requests from all parties shall be reduced to two (2) business days. However, the non-settling parties shall make their best efforts to respond within one (1) business day.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary