

ORDER NO. 87699

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	BEFORE THE
OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC	*	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS	*	OF MARYLAND
SYSTEM STRATEGIC	*	
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	*	
AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN AND	*	
ACCOMPANYING COST RECOVERY	*	
MECHANISM	*	
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2016 AMENDMENT TO STRIDE PLAN	*	
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CASE NO. 9331

Issue Date: August 4, 2016

To: Parties of Record and Interested Persons

On August 4, 2016, the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) held a pre-hearing conference to establish a procedural schedule for this proceeding to address Baltimore Gas and Electric Company’s (“BGE” or Company”) first amendment to its approved Gas System Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (“STRIDE”) Plan. Attorneys representing BGE, the Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”), Maryland Energy Group and W.R. Grace & Co. (collectively “MEG”), and the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) appeared at the pre-hearing conference for this matter.

At the pre-hearing conference, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for the matter. In addition, the Commission found that the discovery procedure proposed by the parties was appropriate and adopted in this case. Discovery was to commence immediately.

- Responses to discovery requests served by September 8, 2016, 2016 are due within ten business days of service, and any objections to discovery requests must be served within five business days. After September 8, 2016 and up to September 23, 2016, discovery requests are due within five business days of service, and any objections to discovery requests must be served within three business days of service. Responses to discovery requests after September 23, 2016 are due within two days of service and any objections are to be served within one business day of service. Electronic service of discovery requests, responses and documents is sufficient so long as the recipient acknowledges actual receipt, which the responding party should obtain and maintain, and hard copies shall be made available if electronic service is not successful.
- The parties should consult with each other and attempt in good faith to resolve all disputes prior to making an objection and again prior to filing a motion seeking relief from the Commission. In the event parties are unable to resolve a dispute, the aggrieved party may file a motion for relief within three business days from service of the written objection. The opponent shall respond to the motion within two business days of service of the motion. The motion and response shall be letter format, and shall each be limited in length to three single-spaced pages with a 12-point or greater font. The

letters must specify the dates and times of all consultations for the purpose of resolving the dispute. The parties shall contact the Executive Secretary via phone or email to schedule a hearing, if necessary, and shall provide the Executive Secretary an electronic copy of the motion and response.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 4th day of August, in the year Two Thousand Sixteen by the Public Service Commission of Maryland;

ORDERED: (1) That Parties shall file pleadings in this proceeding as follows:

- (a) Parties other than the Company shall file direct/reply testimony by September 8, 2016;
- (b) Rebuttal testimony shall be filed by September 23, 2016;
- (c) Surrebuttal testimony shall be filed by September 29, 2016;
- (d) Initial briefs shall be filed by October 20, 2016; and
- (e) Reply briefs shall be filed by November 7, 2016.

An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy¹, of the pleadings shall be submitted to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched;

(2) That the Parties shall abide by the discovery procedure set forth in this Order; and

(3) That evidentiary hearings are scheduled as follows:

¹ The Commission encourages persons to submit the electronic copy of a filing through the Commission's E-file system, which is available via the Commission's website.

(a) October 3, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;

(b) October 4, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;

The Commission reserves the right to revise the hearing schedule, as needed.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary