

ORDER NO. 86900

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	BEFORE THE
OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT	*	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO	*	OF MARYLAND
IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC	*	
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	*	
AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN AND	*	
ASSOCIATED COST RECOVERY	*	_____
MECHANISM	*	CASE NO. 9335
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Issue Date: March 16, 2015

On March 10, 2015, in accordance with Section 20.07.04.12 of the Code of Maryland Regulations and §4-210(e)(2) of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Washington Gas Light Company ("Company" or "WGL") filed an application for approval of an amendment to its current STRIDE Plan ("Application") approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 9335. The Company requests to amend its approved STRIDE Plan by adding one additional program applicable to gas distribution replacements and four additional programs applicable to gas transmission system replacements at an incremental \$31.3 million investment in eligible infrastructure replacements over the remaining four years (2015-2018) of its currently approved five-year STRIDE Plan. The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits which included applicable incremental STRIDE Rider Factors for each of the Company's rate schedules for August 1, 2015 through December

4, 2015.¹ In its Application, the Company asks the Commission to approve the proposed amendment to the Company's approved STRIDE Plan and the proposed incremental STRIDE Rider factors for 2015 to recover the costs associated with the STRIDE Plan amendment, with such factors combined with the Company's previously approved STRIDE Rider Factors beginning with the August 2015 billing cycle through the December 2015 billing cycle.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 16th day of March in the year Two Thousand Fifteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the proposed STRIDE Rider tariff terms and conditions filed by Washington Gas Light Company on March 10, 2015 are suspended for 150 days.

(2) That proceedings to consider the Application and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed terms and conditions are instituted by the Commission; and

(3) That this matter is hereby delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division. Since Case No. 9335 is on appeal in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, as a preliminary matter, the Public Utility Law Judge shall determine if the Commission has jurisdiction over the Application. *Mid-Atlantic Power Supply Ass'n v. Maryland Public Service Commission*, 143 Md. App. 419, 454–458 (2002).

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary

¹ Company Witness James B. Wagner sponsors testimony associated with the proposed STRIDE Rider, including tariff revisions related to the Rider. Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland* ("PUA"), the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff revisions be suspended for a period of 150 days. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposal.