

ORDER NO. 87237

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS
ELECTRIC AND GAS BASE RATES

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9406

Issue Date: November 9, 2015

On November 6, 2015, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("Company") filed an application for approval by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to adjust the Company's electric and gas base rates and establish other charges ("Application"). The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits which included applicable revised retail rate schedules for electric and gas service. In its Application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its Maryland electric distribution rates by approximately \$135.2 million and its Maryland gas distribution rates by approximately \$77.8 million with the proposed rates going into effect on December 7, 2015. Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for a period of 150 days from December 7, 2015. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposal.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Tuesday, December 8, 2015, in the Commission's 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by 5 p.m., EST, Thursday, December 3, 2015.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 9th day of November in the year Two Thousand Fifteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the proposed electric and gas distribution rates and charges filed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on November 6, 2015, are suspended for an initial period of 150 days from December 7, 2015;

(2) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges are instituted by the Commission;

(3) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in a newspaper(s) in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to December 6, 2015, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing is being held and the time, date, place and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for December 8, 2015. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original and 17 copies, plus one electronic copy,¹ of any petition to intervene, shall be filed with David J.

¹ The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing the electronic copy. Details of the "e-file" system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us. Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched.

Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Thursday, December 3, 2015;²

(4) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall also place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed;

(5) That the Applicants are directed to utilize social media or other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate; and

(6) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary

² Persons are reminded that if the “e-file” system is used, the original and required paper copies of the filing must be delivered to the Commission’s docket room by noon, the next business day after the e-filing is made to retain the filing date of the e-filed document. In the event the paper copies are received after noon of the next business day, the date on which the paper copies are received becomes the official filing date.