

ORDER NO. 87653

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	*	CASE NO. 9331
2016 AMENDMENT TO STRIDE PLAN		
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Issue Date: July 7, 2016

On July 1, 2016, pursuant to § 4-210(e)(2) of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 20.07.04.07, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ("Company" or "BGE") filed an Application for Approval of First Amendment to BGE's Gas System Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement ("STRIDE") Plan and Accompanying Cost Recovery Mechanism ("Application"). The Company seeks to amend its approved STRIDE Plan by adding an asset category: pre-1970 ¾ inch high pressure steel services. BGE seeks to replace the entire population of these steel services at an accelerated pace over the next 10 years at an initial cost of approximately \$22 million per year. The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits which included the revenue requirement calculation for the costs associated with the proposed amendment, the development of the impact on the STRIDE surcharge based on the revenue requirement, and applicable revised Gas Service Tariff Sheets proposed to become effective on January 1, 2017.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Thursday, August 4, 2016, in the Commission's 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any further petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Further petitions to intervene shall be filed by 5 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2016.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 7th day of July in the year Two Thousand Sixteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings to consider the Application and the justness and reasonableness of the proposal are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That discovery commences immediately among the existing parties.

(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 August 1, 2016, 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 August 4, 2016. The notice shall also advise any person who is not already a party in the matter and seeks 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. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service

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.

Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Monday, August 1, 2016;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 further 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; and

(5) 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.