

ORDER NO. 88521

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	BEFORE THE
OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC	*	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW	*	OF MARYLAND
GAS SYSTEM STRATEGIC	*	
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	*	
AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN AND	*	
ACCOMPANYING COST RECOVERY	*	
MECHANISM	*	

CASE NO. 9468

Issue Date: January 5, 2018

To: Parties of Record and Interested Persons

On January 4, 2018, the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) held a pre-hearing conference in this proceeding to establish a procedural schedule for this proceeding and to address any other pending preliminary matters. Attorneys representing Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE” or “Company”), 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, except for a schedule for two evening public hearings. The Company, in cooperation with the other parties, is therefore directed to work with the Executive Secretary to schedule the dates and locations for public evening hearings to be held in the Company’s service territory. The Commission also granted the Petition to Intervene filed by MEG (collectively, along with BGE, OPC, and Staff, the “Parties”).

Further, the Commission found that a discovery procedure similar to the one adopted in prior proceedings, as modified slightly by the parties, was appropriate for adoption in this case and that discovery was to commence immediately.

- Responses to discovery requests served by February 16, 2018, are due within ten (10) business days of service, and any objections to discovery requests must be served within five (5) business days. After February 16, 2018, up to and including March 7, 2018, responses to discovery requests are due within five (5) business days of service, and any objections to discovery requests must be served within two (2) business days of service. After March 7, 2018, discovery responses are due within three (3) business days of service, and any objections to discovery requests must be served within two (2) business days 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, and shall provide the Executive Secretary an electronic copy of the motion and response.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 5th day of January, in the year Two Thousand Eighteen 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 testimony by February 16, 2018;
- (b) Rebuttal testimony from all Parties shall be filed by March 7, 2018;
- (c) Surrebuttal Testimony from Parties other than the Company shall be filed by March 16, 2018;
- (d) Initial briefs shall be filed by April 16, 2018; and
- (e) Reply briefs shall be filed by April 30, 2018.

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;

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.

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

(3) That evidentiary hearings are scheduled as follows:

(a) March 20, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;

(b) March 21, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m. or ½ hour after completion of the Administrative Meeting, whichever is later;

(c) March 22, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;

(d) March 23, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;

BGE will be allowed to present Live Rejoinder Testimony at the evidentiary hearings.

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

(4) That BGE is directed to contact the Executive Secretary to establish the dates and locations for the evening public hearings in this matter.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary