

ORDER NO. 88758

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE EXISTING RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE AND TO REVISE ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE.	* * * * * * * *	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND _____ CASE NO. 9481 _____
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Issue Date: June 22, 2018

On June 22, 2018, the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) held a pre-hearing conference in the above-styled proceeding to establish a procedural schedule for the proceeding, to consider any petitions to intervene, and to address any other pending preliminary matters. Attorneys representing Washington Gas Light Company (“WGL”), the Apartment and Office Building Association of Greater Washington (“AOBA”), Montgomery County, Maryland (“Montgomery County”), Prince George’s County, Maryland (“Prince George’s County”), Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”), and the Commission’s Technical Staff (“Staff”) (collectively, “Parties”) appeared at the pre-hearing conference.

At the pre-hearing conference, the Commission granted the petitions to intervene of AOBA, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County (collectively, “Intervenors”) as well as the motion for pro hac vice of Meera Ahamed, an attorney representing WGL. Additionally, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for the matter, except for the schedule for two evening public hearings that will be held in the matter. For the evening public hearing, WGL, in cooperation with the other Parties, is

directed to work with the Executive Secretary to schedule the dates and locations for public evening hearings to be held in WGL's service territory.

Further, the Commission adopted the discovery procedure proposed by the Parties and directed commencement of discovery for the Intervenors (discovery for WGL, OPC, and Staff had already commenced). The discovery procedure is as follows:

- Responses to discovery requests served through August 21, 2018, are due within ten (10) business days of service, and any objections made within three (3) business days. After August 21, 2018, and through September 13, 2018, responses to discovery requests are due within seven (7) business days of service, and any objections made within two (2) business days. After September 13, 2018, discovery responses are due within three (3) business days of service, and any objections made within two (2) business days. 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 (3) business days from

service of the written objection. The opponent shall respond to the motion within two (2) business 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 letter 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 22nd day of June 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) WGL shall file updates to actuals by July 12, 2018;
- (b) Staff, OPC, and Intervenors shall file direct testimony by August 21, 2018;
- (c) All Parties shall file rebuttal testimony by September 13, 2018;
- (d) Staff, OPC, and Intervenors shall file surrebuttal testimony by September 25, 2018;
- (e) Staff shall file a comparison of the Parties' Positions by September 27, 2018; and
- (f) All Parties shall file a brief by November 9, 2018.

An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy,¹ of the pleadings shall be submitted to Terry J. Romine, 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. The Parties are directed to serve all testimony electronically on all parties no later than 6:00 p.m. on the date of the filing;

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

(3) That evidentiary hearings will be held in the Commission's 16th Floor Hearing Room on the dates and times as follows:

- (a) October 1, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (b) October 2, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (c) October 3, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (d) October 4, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (e) October 5, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (f) October 9, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and
- (g) October 10, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Washington Gas Light Company will be allowed to present Live Rejoinder Testimony at the evidentiary hearings. The Commission reserves the right to revise

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. 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.

the hearing schedule, as needed; and

(4) That Washington Gas Light Company 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/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary