

ORDER NO. 88766

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
 OF PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC.
 D/B/A ELKTON GAS FOR AUTHORITY
 TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES.

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BEFORE THE
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF MARYLAND

 CASE NO. 9488

Issue Date: July 3, 2018

On June 29, 2018, Pivotal Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elkton Gas (“Elkton Gas” or “Company”) filed an application with the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for authority to adjust its existing schedule of tariffs and rates (“Application”). In its Application, Elkton Gas stated three reasons for filing its Application: (1) it is experiencing a revenue deficiency as a result of an increase rate base that has arisen due primarily due to investment in its distribution since the Company’s base rates were adjusted in 2008; (2) it filed its last base rate case nearly 11 years ago, and updating of the expenses, rate base, and other elements of its base rates is appropriate; and (3) a condition of the Commission’s approval of the Southern/AGL Resources merger in Case No. 9404 requires Elkton Gas to file a base rate case on or before June 30, 2018. The Company also filed supporting testimony, exhibits, and related tariff revisions. The proposed rates are designed to produce additional annual revenues of \$85,521. In its proposed revisions to its tariff accompanying the Application, Elkton Gas requests that the proposed rate increase become effective on July 30, 2018.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, § 4-204 the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for a period of 150 days from July 30, 2018. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 3rd day of July in the year Two Thousand Eighteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the rates proposed by Pivotal Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elkton Gas are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That the proposed rates filed by Pivotal Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elkton Gas on June 29, 2018, are suspended for a period of 150 days from July 30, 2018; and

(3) That this matter is delegated to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary