

ORDER NO. 88774

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

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9484

Issue Date: July 10, 2018

On July 10, 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 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE”), Maryland Energy Group and W.R. Grace & Co. (collectively, “MEG”), the Baltimore Washington Construction and Public Employees Laborers’ District Council (“BWLDC”), 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 MEG and BWLDC¹ (collectively, “Intervenors”). Additionally, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for the matter, except for the schedule for evening public hearings that will be held in the matter. For the evening public hearings, BGE, in

¹ BGE noted that it did not find BWLDC’s Petition clear as to what issues that BWLDC intended to raise in the case. BGE asked to reserve its right to object to the Petition once it had an opportunity to discuss the issues that BWLDC might raise. BWLDC indicated that it had talked with BGE, and it would be discussing the matter with BGE in the next few weeks. BWLDC did not oppose BGE’s reserving its right to object to the Petition after the discussions were held. OPC also noted that the families and communities of the union members of BWLDC as residential customers were represented by OPC in the matter, but did not object to the grant of the Petition.

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 BGE's service territory.

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

- Responses to discovery requests served by September 14, 2018, are due within ten business days of service, and any objections are due orally within five business days, with the exception of discovery concerning the Company's August 24 Supplement Direct – Actuals filing. Responses to discovery served after, and related to, BGE's August 24 filing will be due in seven business days, objections will be due orally within three business days. After September 14, 2018, and through October 26, 2018, responses to discovery requests are due within five business days of service, and any objections will be due orally within three business days. After October 26, 2018, discovery responses are due within three business days of service, and any objections are due orally within one business day. 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 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 10th day of July 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) BGE shall file updates to actuals by August 24, 2018;
- (b) Staff, OPC, and Intervenors shall file direct testimony by September 14, 2018;
- (c) Rebuttal testimony shall be filed by October 12, 2018;
- (d) Surrebuttal testimony shall be filed by October 26, 2018; and

(e) Staff shall file a comparison of the Parties' Positions by October 31, 2018.

The briefing schedule will be determined during or at the end of the evidentiary hearing.

An original and 17 paper copies, and an electronic copy,² 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;

(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) November 2, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (b) November 5, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (c) November 7, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (d) November 8, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (e) November 9, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (f) November 15, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and
- (g) November 16, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m.; and

² 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. 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.

(4) That Baltimore Gas and Electric 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