

ORDER NO. 88781

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW
GAS SYSTEM STRATEGIC
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN AND
ACCOMPANYING COST RECOVERY
MECHANISM.

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9486

Issue Date: July 25, 2018

On July 25, 2018, the Maryland 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”), 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 petition to intervene filed by AOBA. Additionally, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule for the matter, except for the schedule for the 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 all parties (discovery for WGL, OPC, and Staff had already commenced). The discovery procedure is as follows:

- Responses to discovery requests served through August 17, 2018, are due within eight (8) business days of service, and any objections made within three (3) business days. After August 17, 2018, and through September 17, 2018, responses to discovery requests are due within five (5) business days of service, and any objections made within two (2) business days. After September 17, 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 25th 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) Staff, OPC, and AOBA shall file direct testimony by August 17, 2018;
- (c) All Parties shall file rebuttal testimony by September 5, 2018;
- (d) Staff, OPC, and AOBA shall file surrebuttal testimony by September 17, 2018;
- (e) All Parties shall file an initial brief by October 23, 2018; and
- (f) All Parties shall file a reply brief by November 2, 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

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.

21202. Five of the paper copies shall be three-hole punched. The Parties are directed to serve all testimony electronically on all parties 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 Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland on the dates and times as follows:

- (a) September 20, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (b) September 21, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (c) September 24, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.;
- (d) September 25, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and
- (e) September 26, 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 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