

ORDER NO. 89103

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO
INCREASE ITS EXISTING RATES AND
CHARGES AND TO REVISE ITS TERMS
AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE.

* BEFORE THE
* PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
* OF MARYLAND
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* CASE NO. 9605
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Issue Date: April 23, 2019

ORDER INITIATING RATE CASE DOCKET AND

DELEGATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE DIVISION

On April 22, 2019, Washington Gas Light Company (“Company”) filed with the Commission an application for authority to increase its existing rates and charges and to revise it terms and conditions for gas service (“Application”). The Company is requesting an annual base rate revenue increase of \$35.9 million that includes \$5.1 million of cost currently being collected through surcharges associated with the Company’s approved Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (“STRIDE”) Plan. The Company also filed supporting testimony, exhibits, and related tariff revisions with a proposed rate effective date of May 22, 2019.

The Commission hereby initiates a new docket, Case No. 9605, to consider the Application and hereby delegates the conduct of the proceedings to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, §4-204), the Commission initially suspends the related tariff revisions for 150 days from

May 22, 2019. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposal.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 23rd day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the Commission hereby initiates a new docket, Case No. 9605, to conduct proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the rates and charges proposed by Washington Gas Light Company;

(2) That the proposed rates and charges filed by Washington Gas Light Company on **April 22, 2019**, are suspended for a period of 150 days from May 22, 2019.

(3) That discovery commences immediately for Washington Gas, Staff, and OPC;
and

(4) That the Commission hereby delegates the conduct of the proceedings to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary