## **ORDER NO. 89494**

\* THE APPLICATION OF EASTON BEFORE THE \* UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION \* OF MARYLAND AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS \* ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES PURSUANT TO THE "MAKE-WHOLE" PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4-207 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND CASE NO. 9634

Issue Date: February 12, 2020

## DELEGATION TO PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE DIVISION

On February 10, 2020, Easton Utilities Commission ("Company") filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges pursuant to the "make-whole" provision of § 4-207 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of* Maryland ("PUA") ("Application"). The Company also filed supporting testimony and related exhibits and tariff revisions. The proposed rates in the Application would produce additional electric revenue of approximately \$534,000 per year and additional gas revenue of \$109,000 per year. Pursuant to § 4-207(b)(5) of the PUA, the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") is required to enter a final order as to the revenue requirement determined under this section within 90 days after the proposed new rate is filed – by May 11, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year Two Thousand Twenty by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

**ORDERED:** (1) That the proposed rates filed by Easton Utilities Commission

are hereby suspended for ninety days from the date of February 10, 2020;

(2) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness to the proposed rates

are instituted by the Commission;

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

for hearing; and

That Easton Utilities Commission is directed to publish a display (4)

advertisement about the proposal in newspapers of general circulation in its Maryland

service area.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston

**Executive Secretary** 

cc: Ryan C. McLean, Chief Public Utility Law Judge