

ORDER NO. 89556

Application of Baltimore Gas and Electric
Company for an Electric and Gas Multi-Year
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9645

Issue Date: May 18, 2020

**ORDER INITIATING DOCKET, SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS,
AND SCHEDULING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

On May 15, 2020, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE”) submitted to the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) an Application for an Electric and Gas Multi-Year Plan (“Application”). BGE also filed revised tariffs, supporting testimony, exhibits, supplemental information, and the Multi-Year Plan (“MYP”) filing requirements as adopted by the Commission in Order No. 89482. BGE has requested authority to address claimed electric revenue deficiencies of \$109.0 million, \$156.1 million, and \$203.8 million in 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively, and claimed gas revenue deficiencies of \$65.9 million, \$76.2 million, and \$109.7 million in 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively. BGE proposes to address these deficiencies by increasing electric revenues by \$140.4 million and gas revenues by \$94.9 million in 2023, accelerating the provision of certain tax benefits to customers, revising the manner in which major outage event restoration expenses are recovered, and extending the amortization periods for certain regulatory assets.

A virtual prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Friday, June 12, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for BGE, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel.

Any party that wishes to actively participate in the virtual prehearing conference shall contact Susan Howard at susan.howard@maryland.gov by 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.¹ Otherwise, you may watch the live stream of the rulemaking session on the Commission's You Tube channel.² Please also direct any questions about the prehearing conference to Susan Howard.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 18th day of May in the year Two Thousand Twenty, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings to consider the Application and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates, terms, and conditions of the tariff revisions are hereby instituted by the Commission;

(2) That, pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, § 4-204, the tariff revisions filed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company are suspended for an initial period of 150 days from June 14, 2020;

¹ The meeting will be conducted through a Webex remote meeting platform. After the 12:00 Noon, June 10, 2020, deadline, participants will receive instructions on how to participate, which may include a required test run.

² <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>.

(3) That discovery commences immediately for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel;

(4) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in a newspaper(s) in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to June 5, 2020, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing conference is being held and the time, date, method, and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for June 12, 2020. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that any petition to intervene, shall be filed³ with Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by June 10, 2020;

(5) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference;

(6) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company also shall place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, method, and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed; and

(7) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is directed to employ any routinely used social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook, and any other means of

³ The Commission requests that parties use the Commission's E-file system, which eliminates the need to submit paper copies. Details of the E-file system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us (Online Services or Tools).

communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary