

ORDER NO. 89578

In the Matter of an Investigation of
Washington Gas and Light Company
Regarding a Building Explosion and Fire
in Silver Spring, Maryland, on August
10, 2016

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9622

Issue Date: July 16, 2020

**SUPPLMENTAL NOTICE OF VIRTUAL EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND
SCHEDULING ORDER**

On April 29, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 89550, announcing that it will schedule an evidentiary hearing to receive evidence and testimony related to various issues in this case. Accordingly, the Commission hereby gives Notice that the evidentiary hearings will be held virtually beginning at 10:00 a.m. on August 31 and September 1, 2020.¹

In order to accommodate the virtual nature of the evidentiary hearings, all parties to this case are required to prepare and email an exhibit list along with pre-marked copies of any exhibits that they may introduce at the evidentiary hearing to Susan Howard by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, August 27, 2020, and copy the other parties.² Please direct any questions about this process to Susan Howard at susan.howard@maryland.gov.

¹ The Commission will conduct the evidentiary hearing via virtual meeting on Webex.

² Copies of exhibits that have been pre-filed in Case No. 9622 do not need to be e-mailed prior to the evidentiary hearing, but must be included on the party's exhibit list itself.

All parties to the case are also required to provide Susan Howard³ a list of individuals who will participate in the hearing by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Otherwise, individuals may watch the livestream of the hearings on the Commission's YouTube channel.⁴ Any questions about the hearings should be directed to Susan Howard.

Discovery for all Parties commences immediately. Discovery responses issued prior to August 7, 2020 are due within 10 business days; objections are due in 5 business days. Discovery responses issued after August 7, 2020 are due within 7 business days; objections are due within 2 business days.

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 in letter format, and shall each be limited in length to three single-spaced pages with a 12-point or greater font. The motion 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, if necessary, and shall provide the Executive Secretary an electronic copy of the motion and response.

³ Participants will receive an email confirming participation and information on a mandatory test run to occur on Friday, August 28, 2020.

⁴ You may access the Commission's YouTube channel via the "Watch PSC Proceedings" button on the lower left side of the Commission's home page, or via the following link to the YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>.

All testimony and discovery shall be served electronically on each of the Parties to avoid delay in receipt. Parties shall ensure that the correct email of the person(s) to whom the testimony and discovery should be sent are updated and current on the service list for this matter.

Written comments on this matter may also be submitted electronically or by first-class mail by **September 4, 2020**. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at www.psc.state.md.us. Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox for the first-time are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to Case No. 9622. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 16th day of July in the year Two Thousand Twenty, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That Parties shall file pleadings in this proceeding as follows:

- (a) WGL shall file direct testimony by August 7, 2020;
and
- (b) Parties, other than WGL, shall file testimony by August 24, 2020.

Pleadings shall be submitted to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.⁵ The Parties are directed to serve all testimony electronically on all Parties no later than 5:00 p.m. 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, on the dates and times as follows:

(a) August 31, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

(b) September 1, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission reserves the right to revise the hearing schedule, as needed.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

⁵ All Parties shall use the Commission's e-file system available on its website to file their pleadings.