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Public Hearing 4/23 for Easton Utilities Commission's Rate Increase Request

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public comment hearing on the request by Easton Utilities Commission to increase distribution rates for electric and gas service. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Easton Town Hall, 14 S. Harrison Street in Easton. Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke will preside.

Easton Utilities has requested authority from the PSC to increase base distribution rates for electric service by approximately \$4.4 million and by \$520,000 for gas service. The public comment hearing will begin with a presentation by Easton Utilities, followed by an opportunity for Easton's customers and other interested stakeholders to provide comments on the proposal.

Easton Utilities is an agency of the Town of Easton and is responsible for the operation, management and maintenance of electric, natural gas and other utility services for the town and portions of the surrounding area. Easton Utilities provides electric service to 10,800 customers and gas distribution service to 4,700 customers.

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal at <u>https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-</u> <u>comment/</u>, or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. <u>9719</u> and be received by May 10, 2024.

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