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Maryland PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Elkton Gas Rate Increase Request

(BALTIMORE, MD-September 6, 2018) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public comment hearing on the application of Elkton Gas to increase its gas distribution rates by more than \$85,000. The hearing will be held on **Monday, September 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Elkton Town Council Chambers, 100 Railroad Avenue in Elkton, Maryland.** Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter are welcome to attend the hearing before Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence.

Elkton Gas, now a subsidiary of SJI Utilities, Inc., provides gas retail distribution services to 6,700 residential and commercial customers in Elkton, Maryland through more than 100 miles of service main. The company last filed a rate case nearly 11 years ago. A condition of the Commission's approval in 2016 of the Southern Company/AGL Resources merger required Elkton Gas to file a rate case before June 30, 2018. (Southern Company was the former parent of Elkton Gas). Elkton proposes to raise its fixed customer charge for residential customers from \$5.75 to \$6.00 a month. Including distribution charges based on usage, the average residential customer using 40 therms per month would see a total bill increase of about 45 cents.

Filings in this case are available in the electronic docket file for Case No. [9488](#), which may be viewed or downloaded at www.psc.state.md.us.

Written comments referencing Case No. [9488](#) may also be mailed (**by October 12, 2018**) to:

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