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## **Maryland PSC to Hold Public Hearings for Washington Gas Rates and STRIDE Cases**

(BALTIMORE, MD-August 22, 2018) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two public hearings in September on the requests by Washington Gas Light Company to increase its rates by \$56.3 million and to implement a new five-year gas system infrastructure improvement plan (known as STRIDE), funded by ratepayers, at a cost of \$394 million over five years. Washington Gas delivers natural gas to 484,000 customers in six Maryland jurisdictions including Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

The rate request would result in a 10.7% increase on the average residential heating customer bill. The requested STRIDE surcharge is estimated to be about 37 cents per month for residential heating customers.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the requests may attend one or both of the public hearings, scheduled as follows:

- **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Prince George's County Memorial Library System-Oxon Hill Branch (Small Meeting Room), [6200 Oxon Hill Road](#) in Oxon Hill
- **Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Montgomery County Council Office Building-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Hearing Room, [100 Maryland Avenue](#) in Rockville

Filings in the cases can be viewed or downloaded in the electronic docket for Case No. [9481](#) (rates) and [9486](#) (STRIDE) on the Commission's website, [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us).

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Written comments referencing either or both case numbers may also be mailed (**by Friday, September 21, 2018**) to:

Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary  
Maryland Public Service Commission  
William Donald Schaefer Tower  
6 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

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