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Virtual Public Comment Hearing 9/21 for WGL's Rate Case

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission has scheduled a virtual public comment hearing on the rate increase request filed in May by Washington Gas Light Company. The utility's customers and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the hearing on **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.**

According to WGL's application, the company proposes a rate increase of \$49.4 million, which it says will increase the average residential heating and cooling customer's bill by 5.3 percent per year. The company provides natural gas distribution service to more than 513,000 customers in six Maryland counties: Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's.

To sign up to speak at the hearing, send an email to kimberly.schock@maryland.gov by 12 noon on Monday, September 18. The hearing will be held on the WebEx platform; participants will receive an email with a link to join in. For those who just want to watch the hearing, it will be livestreamed on the Commission's [YouTube](#) channel.

The Commission will also accept written comments (until November 6, 2023) which can be sent by mail or submitted electronically through the online portal at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>

Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, 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. 9704**. Only one copy is necessary.

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