

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1325 “G” STREET, NW, 8TH FLOOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1137 - IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE
EXISTING RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE**

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (“Commission”) hereby gives notice, pursuant to D.C. Code § 34-901 and 34-909, that on February 26, 2016, Washington Gas Light Company (“Washington Gas” or “Company”) filed an Application requesting authority to increase existing rates and charges for gas service in the District of Columbia. The requested rates are designed to collect approximately \$171.7 million in total revenues, which represents an increase in the Company’s weather-normalized annual revenues of no more than \$17.4 million, reflecting an overall increase of approximately 7.6% in revenues over and above current bills. The revenue increase includes \$4.5 million associated with natural gas system upgrades previously approved by the Commission and currently paid by customers through monthly surcharges.

The proposed changes in base rates for firm customers’ Customer Charge and Distribution Charges are summarized below.

The first element of a firm customer’s bill is the Customer Charge, and the proposed changes are as follows:

Type of Customer	Current Monthly Customer Charge	Proposed Monthly Customer Charge
RESIDENTIAL		
Heating/Cooling	\$9.90	\$12.40
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling:		
Individually		
Metered Apts.	\$5.30	\$6.60
Other	\$6.30	\$7.90
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL		
Heating/Cooling:		
Small	\$17.10	\$21.40
Large	\$33.00	\$41.30
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	\$14.00	\$17.50
GROUP METERED APARTMENTS		
Heating/Cooling:		

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Small	\$17.10	\$21.40
Large	\$33.00	\$41.30
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	\$14.00	\$17.50

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All Customers	\$80.00	\$100.00
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The second element of a firm customer's bill is the Distribution Charge per therm. The current and proposed basic charges are:

Type of Customer	Current Distribution Charge Per Therm	Proposed Distribution Charge Per Therm
RESIDENTIAL		
All gas used during the billing month		
Heating/Cooling	\$0.4067	\$0.4873
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	\$0.4434	\$0.5373
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL		
All gas used during the billing month		
Heating/Cooling:		
Small	\$0.3802	\$0.4246
Large	\$0.3802	\$0.4037
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	\$0.3789	\$0.3873
GROUP METERED APARTMENTS		
Heating/Cooling		
Small	\$0.3802	\$0.3819
Large	\$0.3802	\$0.4138
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	\$0.3789	\$0.3989

The third element of a Commercial & Industrial and Group Metered Apartments firm customer's bill is the Peak Usage Charge. The current and proposed charges are:

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	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Rate per therm of peak month usage from prior year	\$0.0272	\$0.0308

If granted in full, the average monthly effects of the proposed increase on the average residential sales service customer will be:

Type of Customer	Annual Therm Usage	Average Monthly Increase	Percent Increase
RESIDENTIAL			
Heating/Cooling	811	\$7.94	9.6%
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling:			
Individually Metered			
Apts.	64	\$1.80	16.0%
Other	445	\$5.08	10.7%
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL			
Heating/Cooling:			
Small	2,346	\$13.71	6.0%
Large	17,865	\$48.78	3.0%
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	5,680	\$8.64	1.7%
GROUP METERED APARTMENTS			
Heating/Cooling:			
Small	2,702	\$5.55	2.1%
Large	16,621	\$59.97	3.9%
Non-Heating/Non-Cooling	5,266	\$13.51	2.8%

In its application, Washington Gas proposes rate design innovations for the benefit of customers and the Company, including the following:

- **Revenue Normalization Adjustment:** Washington Gas has included a request to establish a revenue normalization adjustment (“RNA”) in its proposed rate structure. The proposed RNA would reduce fluctuations in customers’ bills resulting from extreme weather patterns. Washington Gas operates with similar normalization adjustments in its Maryland and Virginia service territories.
- **Combined Heat and Power:** Washington Gas has proposed a commercial framework for the delivery of natural gas for Combined Heat and Power (“CHP”) systems. Fueled by natural gas, highly efficient CHP systems capture vented heat during the power generation process

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and use this heat for space heating and cooling. CHP systems are up to 80 percent energy efficient and require less fuel to produce energy.

- Multifamily Development: Washington Gas has proposed an incentive program for developers of multifamily housing projects in the District of Columbia. These would bring the benefits of natural gas, including lower energy bills and reduced carbon emissions, to more residents in the District of Columbia.

Washington Gas's Application is available for inspection at the Public Service Commission's Office of the Commission Secretary, 1325 G Street, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the Application can be purchased at the Commission at a cost of \$0.15 per page, actual reproduction cost. Washington Gas's Application can be viewed on the Commission's website, www.dcpssc.org. Washington Gas's Application may also be inspected at the following public libraries:

Ward	Name and Address
Main	Martin Luther King Memorial Library 9 th & "G" Streets, NW
Ward 1	Mount Pleasant Library 16 th & Lamont Street, NW
Ward 2	Southwest Library Wesley Place & "K" Street, SW
Ward 3	Cleveland Park Library Connecticut Avenue & Macomb Street, NW
Ward 4	Petworth Library Georgia Avenue & Upshur Street, NW
Ward 5	Woodridge Library Rhode Island Avenue & 18 th Street, NE
Ward 6	Southeast Library 7 th & "D" Streets, SE
Ward 7	Capitol View Library Central Avenue & 50 th Street, SE
Ward 8	Washington-Highlands Library Atlantic Street & South Capitol Terrace, SW

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Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding shall file a petition to intervene with the Commission no later than **March 21, 2016**. All petitions shall conform to the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure as set forth in Chapter 1, Section 106 of Title 15 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (15 DCMR § 106, *et seq.* (1998)). All written comments and petitions for intervention should be sent to Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 "G" Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005.

The Public Service Commission will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference on the Application at 11:30 a.m., on **March 23, 2016**, 1325 "G" Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC, 20005. At the Pre-Hearing Conference, Participants shall be prepared to discuss proposed issues and procedural schedules. The Commission encourages parties to submit a joint proposed list of issues and a joint proposed procedural schedule. If the parties are unable to develop joint submissions, parties must make individual filings. The list of issues and order of procedure must be submitted at least five (5) calendar days before the pre-hearing conference (15 DCMR § 121.2).