

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
1325 G STREET, N.W., SUITE 800  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**November 18, 2019**

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1157, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO  
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY  
BOARD,**

1. By this Public Notice, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") invites interested persons to comment on Washington Gas Light Company's ("WGL" or "Company") Implementation Plan addressing the National Transportation Safety Board's ("NTSB") recommendations. Comments are due by December 20, 2019, and reply comments are due by January 17, 2020.

2. On August 1, 2019, the Commission opened an investigation into WGL's implementation of the April 24, 2019, NTSB safety recommendations.<sup>1</sup> The investigation focuses on an audit and verification of WGL's mercury service regulator replacement program and the Commission's oversight of WGL's replacement process for mercury service regulators within the District of Columbia ("District"). By Order No. 19982, the Commission directed WGL to file a detailed implementation plan outlining the replacement process for mercury service regulators in the District. WGL was directed to include, at a minimum, the specific actions to be completed in response to the NTSB recommendations, the deadlines for completion, and associated cost estimates.<sup>2</sup>

3. On August 30, 2019, WGL filed its Implementation Plan, outlining its strategy to address each of the five NTSB recommendations.<sup>3</sup> WGL included milestones, specific deadlines and preliminary cost estimates for each recommendation. The Commission has oversight of WGL's Implementation Plan for the replacement of mercury service regulators and is committed to ensuring that WGL provides safe and reliable natural gas service in the District. To aid the Commission in its review, we invite interested persons to provide comments on WGL's Implementation Plan. Comments

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<sup>1</sup> *Formal Case No. 1157, In the Matter of the Investigation into Washington Gas Light Company's Compliance with the Recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board*, Order No. 19982, rel. August 1, 2019 ("Order No. 19982"). Referencing National Transportation Safety Board, Accident Report, Building Explosion and Fire, Silver Spring, Maryland, August 10, 2016 ("NTSB's Report"), at 1, adopted April 24, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> *Formal Case No. 1157*, Order No. 19982, ¶3.

<sup>3</sup> *Formal Case No. 1157*, Washington Gas Light Company's Implementation Plan to address the National Transportation Safety Board's safety recommendations, filed August 30, 2019.

should be provided in the context of the NTSB Report, *Building Explosion and Fire, Silver Spring, Maryland, August 10, 2016*, NTSB/PAR-19/01, which describes the NTSB investigation, conclusions, and recommendations to improve pipeline safety.<sup>4</sup>

4. Any person interested in commenting on WGL's Implementation Plan may file comments by December 20, 2019, and reply comments by January 17, 2020. Comments are to be addressed to Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick, Commission Secretary, Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005, or at the Commission's website at [https://edocket.dcpsec.org/public/public\\_comments](https://edocket.dcpsec.org/public/public_comments).

5. Copies of WGL's Implementation Plan filing may be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at [www.dcpsec.org](http://www.dcpsec.org). Once at the website, open the "eDocket" tab, click on "Search database" and input "FC1157" as the case number and "4" as the item number. Copies of WGL's Implementation Plan filing may also be purchased, at cost, by contacting the Commission Secretary at (202) 626-5150 or [PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov](mailto:PSC-CommissionSecretary@dc.gov). Persons with questions concerning this Notice should call 202-626-5150.

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<sup>4</sup> *Formal Case No. 1157*, NTSB's Report, *Building Explosion and Fire, Silver Spring, Maryland, August 10, 2016*, NTSB/PAR-19/01, adopted April 24, 2019. The Report was placed into the record in *Formal Case No. 1157* on August 1, 2019, and is listed under Item No. 3.