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## Immediate Release

## **Commission Open Meeting**

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved three actions items before the Commission at its February 6, 2019 Open Meeting. The matters include:

- Formal Case No. 1142, In the Matter of the Merger of AltaGas, Ltd. and WGL Holdings, Inc. This order holds in abeyance the Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia's Motion to Convene a Status Conference Regarding the Financial Health of AltaGas, Ltd. and Washington Gas Light Company. The Commission will determine whether a status conference is necessary after its review of the December 2018 and First Quarter 2019 filings relating to the financial situation of AltaGas, Ltd., WGL Holdings, and Washington Gas Light Company.
- 2. Formal Case No. 1142, In the Matter of the Merger of AltaGas, Ltd. and WGL Holdings, Inc. This order denies the Joint Motion to Hold in Abeyance Washington Gas Light Company's Request to Approve Consultant Under Merger Commitment No. 54 filed by Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Government. The parties are directed to propose a candidate to perform a cost-benefit analysis for acceleration of Washington Gas's PROJECTpipes program and minimization of future leaks to the Commission, as set forth in this Order, within 14 business days of the date of this Order.
- 3. Formal Case No. 712, In the Matter of the Investigation of the Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and RM3-2014-01. Consumer Rights and Responsibilities. This Order grants Retail Energy Supply Association's (RESA) Motion for Temporary Waiver and Delayed Implementation of certain provisions of Chapter 3, "Consumer Rights and Responsibilities," of Title 15 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (CBOR). The Commission hereby waives until March 1, 2019, the requirement for the Energy Suppliers to comply fully with the rules adopted by Order No. 19759 and published as final rules in the D.C. Register, on December 14, 2018. RESA shall submit a filing by March 2, 2019, affirming Energy Suppliers' compliance with the new CBOR provisions.

Announcements:

On January 18, 2019, the D.C. Public Service Commission published final rules in the DC Register that allow the electronic filing of confidential documents. With the rule changes and website enhancements, the Commission's electronic filing system (eDocket) will now accommodate the electronic filing of all documents, except for documents containing critical infrastructure information. For more details please visit the Commission's website to view the Notice of Final\_Rulemaking in RM1-2018-01.

A recording of this open meeting will be available on the Commission's website within three business days from the date of this meeting. The next regular Open meeting will be held on February 14, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. The proposed agenda for the next Commission meeting will be posted at least 48 hours before the announced meeting.

Finally, the Commission will convene a Community Hearing following this Open Meeting in Formal Case No. 977, to provide safety information to community members and solicit comments regarding the dissemination of natural gas leaks information to the public. A notice of today's community hearing was posted on the Commission's website on January 8, 2019.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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