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DCPSC Approves Settlement Agreement Limiting Rate Increase in Washington Gas Rate Case

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved a rate increase for 45 percent less (approximately \$16 million) than originally requested by Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) ([Formal Case No. 1162](#)). The Settlement Agreement will raise the monthly total distribution bill by \$5.25 for average residential heating/cooling customers. The Settlement Agreement was entered into by WGL, Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia, the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, District of Columbia Government, General Services Administration, and the Baltimore Washington Construction and Public Employees Laborers' District Council. The new rates will become effective April 1, 2021.

“On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank the parties for their efforts in bringing this Settlement Agreement to the Commission, including increasing the low-income discount program to cover 100% of the distribution charge for eligible customers through the winter heating season. This change is especially helpful to District residents during the COVID-19 pandemic,” stated Willie L. Phillips, DCPSC Chairman.

To advance the District’s climate change goals, WGL has committed to filing an annual report with the Commission that will quantify the amount and type of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) associated with WGL’s gas distribution system. By measuring and tracking the GHG emissions, the annual report will provide data that will assist the Commission in reducing GHG emissions in the future.

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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