

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORMAL CASE NO. 1127, IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") will hold a hearing regarding Washington Gas Light Company's ("Washington Gas" or "Company") Proposed Residential Essential Service ("RES") Surcharge Tariff on January 20, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. On November 25, 2015, the Commission, in Order No. 18043, previously gave notice of its intent to hold a hearing regarding Washington Gas' Proposed RES Surcharge on January 20, 2016. In that order the Commission directed Washington Gas to file supporting testimony by December 18, 2015, any discovery would be served on Washington Gas by January 8, 2016, and responses provided by January 11, 2016.

The Commission hereby gives notice, pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 34-901 and 34-909, that on September 25, 2015, Washington Gas filed a request to change the rates and charges for gas service in the District of Columbia through the implementation of a Proposed RES Surcharge Tariff. The Proposed RES Surcharge is sufficient to fund the remainder of the RES Program costs not currently funded by the \$511,032 imbedded in base rates, without reliance on the Distribution Charge Adjustment ("DCA"), pursuant to Commission Order No. 17965. The requested surcharge is designed to collect \$402,617 to fund the RES Program without reliance on the DCA for that amount, and should be neutral to ratepayers as a whole.

On September 10, 2015, the Commission, in Order No. 17965, ¶ 7, directed that the RES surcharge be initially set to recover \$402,617, and following the Company's next base rate case, the surcharge amount will be recalculated to collect all costs associate with the RES Program, and the \$511,032 will be removed from base rates for RES funding. The implementation of the RES surcharge will end the recovery of any costs associated with the RES Program through the DCA as the Commission directed in *Formal Case No. 1093*, Order No. 1732, ¶ 308, rel. May 15, 2013.

The RES surcharge is designed to recover the projected annual expense of the RES Program, effective each December billing period, and is calculated for the twelve month ending August 31, of each year. At least 15 days prior to the application of the surcharge each December, the Company will provide Commission staff the annual computation of the RES surcharge factor and reconciliation factor. The Company has proposed a fixed rate surcharge that will be reflected on non-RES customer bills as a separate line item.

To implement the Proposed RES surcharge, Washington Gas is proposing a new General Service Provision No. 29 (Residential Essential Service (RES) Surcharge) and revisions Rate Schedule No. 1 (Residential Service), Rate Schedule No. 1A (Residential Firm Delivery Service Pilot Program), Rate Schedule No. 2 (Firm Service Other than Residential), Rate Schedule No.

2A (Firm Delivery Service Other than Residential), and General Service Provision No. 16 (Purchased Gas Charge).

Washington Gas's Proposed RES Surcharge is available for inspection at the Public Service Commission's Office of the Commission Secretary, 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the Proposed RES Surcharge can be purchased at the Commission at a cost of \$0.10 per page, actual reproduction costs. Washington Gas's Proposed RES Surcharge can be viewed on the Commission's website, www.dcpsc.org.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding shall file a petition to intervene with the Commission no later than January 5, 2016. This represents an extension of the period to intervene from the December 11, 2015 date indicated in Order No. 18043. 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 Regulation (15 DCMR § 106). Members of the public, who are not parties, may submit written comments regarding the Proposed RES Surcharge to the Commission Secretary on or before January 27, 2016. 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, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005, or email at psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov.