Immediate Release: July 17, 2017

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved three items before the Commission at its July 6th Open Meeting. The matters include:

1. **Formal Case No. 1138, In the Matter of the Investigation into Washington Gas Light Company’s New Billing System and Process and the Potential Impact on the Customers and Competitive Natural Gas Suppliers in the District of Columbia.** This Order directs Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) to file a report on the status of its new billing system as prescribed by the Order; WGL is to participate in a technical conference within 20 days of the date of this Order to discuss WGL’s billing charges for competitive service providers (CSPs) and default customers; WGL is to file details of its credit requirements, as explained in this Order, to make the bill-ready billing format available to CSPs within 60 days of the date of this Order, and to begin incorporating CSPs into its billing system within 90 days from the day a CSP files an application with WGL. WGL is also directed to provide periodic reporting on the status of these activities on three-month intervals, with the first interval beginning August 1, 2017. Finally, the Commission moves Commission Data Requests No. 1 issued on April 25, 2017, and WGL’s Data Responses dated May 10, 2017 in the record of Formal Case No. 1138.

2. **Gas Tariff 95-3, In the Matter of Washington Gas Light Company’s Application for Authority to Withdraw Watergate Tariff.** This Order grants Washington Gas Light Company’s (WGL) Application to withdraw the tariff for Steam and Chilled Water Rates (Watergate Tariff) for Service to the six Watergate buildings located in the District of Columbia effective upon the expiration of the underlying agreement. The Commission denies Watergate West Inc.’s requests for a hearing on WGL’s Application and for the Commission to defer its decision for six months to allow the parties to negotiate a modified agreement. The withdrawal of the Watergate Tariff shall become effective upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the D.C. Register and upon the expiration of the underlying agreement.


**Announcements:**

The Commission will hold a series of community hearings in **Formal Case No. 1145, In the Matter of the Applications for Approval of Biennial Underground Infrastructure Improvement Projects Plans and Financing Orders.** The dates, times, and locations of the community hearings were published on the Commission’s website on June 23, 2017 and are as follows:
Today the Commission will hold a prehearing conference in Formal Case No. 1142 on the WGL/Alta Gas merger immediately following today’s open meeting.

A recording of this meeting will be available on the Commission’s website within three business days from the date of this meeting.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

The proposed agenda for the next Commission meeting will be posted at least 48 hours before the announced meeting.

*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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