



## Press Release

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### Washington Gas Program to Replace Aging Infrastructure and Reduce GHG Emissions Across the District Approved

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) –The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved Washington Gas Light Company’s Application for the PROJECTpipes 2 Plan (Formal Case No. 1154, [Order No. 20671](#)). PROJECTpipes is Washington Gas’ 40-year program to replace aging infrastructure across the District and recovers the associated costs through a billing surcharge.

The second phase of PROJECTpipes will begin on January 1, 2021, and will run through December 31, 2023. This phase of the project will replace aging, higher-risk portions of the District’s natural gas distribution pipes on an accelerated basis, to improve overall safety of the system and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) released from WGL’s distribution system.

“The Commission continues to prioritize infrastructure investment, with an emphasis on public safety, reliability, and meeting the District’s clean energy goals by reducing GHG emissions,” stated Willie L. Phillips, Commission Chairman.

Specifically, Washington Gas is expected to replace approximately 14.3 miles of main pipe and 4,242 service lines. The project will focus on critical areas for replacement. The Commission’s goal is to ensure that the program scope represents reasonable, cost-effective investments that will deliver lower system risk and reduced GHG emissions to the District and WGL’s customers.

The first phase of PROJECTpipes was extended through December 31, 2020. In the first phase, through October 30, 2020, Washington Gas replaced approximately 21 miles of main pipe and 4,157 service lines. During this phase, work on PROJECTpipes also included the installation of service safety valves, new locating technology, updated mapping of Washington Gas facilities and upgrading low pressure systems, which can reduce instances of water entering a pipeline and potentially causing outages.

Visit the Commission’s website for more information about PROJECTpipes.

*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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