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Commission Marks Completion of WGL's Vintage Mechanical Coupling Replacement and Encapsulation Program

(Washington, D.C.) Today, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) announced the completion of Washington Gas Light Company's (WGL) Vintage Mechanical Coupling Replacement and Encapsulation Program. The Program was designed to replace or encapsulate vintage mechanical couplings more prone to natural gas leaks, and replace or remediate the associated mains.

The Program was part of the Settlement Agreement between WGL and the Office of the People's Counsel in 2009 in ([Order No. 15627](#)). In its 2017 Annual Report, WGL reported the completion of the Program which resulted in the replacement or encapsulation of approximately 20,000 main and service couplings and replacement or remediation of 27 miles of main. The Program also repaired potentially hazardous portions of WGL's distribution network.

Recovery for outstanding costs of the Program will be addressed in the Commission's next WGL rate case.

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