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## **Press Release**

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### **DCPSC Statement Regarding Urgent Notice: Natural Gas Explosion on Marion Barry Avenue, S.E.**

**(WASHINGTON, D.C.)** – A natural gas explosion occurred earlier today in the Anacostia Neighborhood on Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. Thankfully, there have been no reported casualties. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) is collaborating with other public safety officials to investigate the incident thoroughly.

Washington Gas has notified the Commission regarding the incident, and the Commission has Staff on site and is closely monitoring the situation. Washington Gas is required to file an official report with the Commission within 30 days detailing the circumstances surrounding the incident. We will provide updates on the incident as information becomes available to us. Your safety is our top priority, and we appreciate the public's cooperation during this time.

Remember, if you suspect a natural gas leak or other emergency:

- **RECOGNIZE:** Natural gas smells like sulfur or rotten eggs. If you sense that, it may be a sign of a leak.
- **REACT:** Upon smelling natural gas, leave your building or location immediately.
- **RESPOND:** Call 911 and then the Washington Gas Emergency Leak Line at 844-WASHGAS (927-4427), selecting option 1. Emergency responders and Washington Gas will take action 24/7 to make sure you and the community stay safe.

District consumers with questions should contact the Commission's Office of Consumer Services at 202-626-5120.

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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