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## **Press Release**

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### **DCPSC Directs Working Group to Consider Revisions to WGL Gas Report**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) directed the Gas Procurement Working Group (Working Group) to reevaluate Washington Gas Light’s (WGL) procurement practices and evaluation tools ([Order No. 18552](#)). Given the changes in the District of Columbia’s retail natural gas market, The Commission determined that now is an appropriate time to consider the continuing need for a bi-annual Gas Procurement Report (GPR) in its present format and how it can be useful in evaluating the natural gas procurement practices of WGL.

The GPR provides information to the Commission and the public on the procurement activities of WGL in order for the Commission to protect the public interest by ensuring that the costs of gas services are reasonable. WGL is required to file a biennial GPR to assist the Commission in monitoring and reviewing WGL’s natural gas acquisition and purchasing policies and practices (15 DCMR § 2315.1). The Working Group, created by the Commission in 1991, is responsible for reviewing natural gas procurement planning activities and strategies and reporting its findings to the Commission. Working group members include Commission staff, Office of the People’s Counsel and WGL.

The Working Group was directed to reevaluate what procurement practices and evaluation tools are truly necessary in a deregulated market for evaluating WGL’s natural gas procurement practices and ensuring that the Company’s rates charged for natural gas supply service are just and reasonable. To the extent there are other reasonable approaches to procuring natural gas, these should be explored. Additionally, the Commission directed the Working Group to discuss and recommend how the existing GPR can be revised and streamlined to be consistent with the needs of the Commission in evaluating natural gas supply planning and acquisition in a restructured retail market by the default supplier.

Finally, the Working Group is to discuss and recommend reporting requirements that will enable the Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of WGL’s distribution system management and maintenance with respect to increased system efficiency, performance and reliability. After the reevaluation, the Working Group will propose revised reporting requirements to the Commission. WGL was also directed to file its 2016 GPR; however the filing of comments on the GPR was suspended until further notice from the Commission. The Commission also accepted WGL’s 2012 and 2014 GPR as filed.

Please visit the Commission website at [www.dcpssc.org](http://www.dcpssc.org) for more information about Formal Case 874, In the Matter of the Gas Acquisition Strategies of the District of Columbia Natural Gas, a Division of the Washington Gas Light Company.

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