## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1325 G STREET, N.W., SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

## PUBLIC NOTICE HOLDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE IN ABEYANCE

**January 8, 2025** 

## FORMAL CASE NO. 1179, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S STRATEGICALLY TARGETED PIPE REPLACEMENT PLAN,

- 1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") gives Notice that the procedural schedule in this matter is held in abeyance until further Order by the Commission.
- 2. By Order No. 22003, the Commission initiated this proceeding by adopting a procedural schedule for filing a revised application for Washington Gas Light Company's ("WGL" or "the Company") accelerated pipe replacement program. On July 26, 2024, by Order No. 22241, the Commission adopted a modified procedural schedule to adjudicate WGL's revised application.
- 3. On September 27, 2024, WGL filed a revised application, the District Strategic Accelerated Facility Enhancement Plan" ("District SAFE" or "Plan") which seeks authorization to undertake targeted replacement of certain vintage materials on its system and to recover the costs associated with the Plan through the previously approved surcharge mechanism for WGL's accelerated pipe program.<sup>3</sup> The District SAFE Plan covers work to be performed from March 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. On October 24, 2024, by Order No. 22317, the Commission granted the Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia ('OPC") and the District of Columbia Government's ("DCG") joint motion to enlarge the time for filing direct testimony and we amended the procedural schedule.<sup>5</sup> The current procedural schedule

Formal Case No. 1179, Order No. 22003, rel. June 12, 2024 ("Order No. 22003").

Formal Case No. 1179, In the Matter of the Investigation Into Washington Gas Light Company's Strategically Targeted Pipes Replacement Plan ("Formal Case No. 1179"), Order No. 22241, rel. July 26, 2024 ("Order No. 22241").

Formal Case No. 1179, Washington Gas Light Company's Revised Application for Approval of The District Strategic Accelerated Facility Enhancement Plan, filed September 27, 2024 ("Plan") at Exhibit WG (A)-1 at 5.

Plan at Exhibit WG(A) -1 at 30-31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Formal Case No. 1179, Order No. 22317, ¶ 19and 20, rel. October 24, 2024 ("Order No. 22317").

requires the Parties to file a Joint Statement of Stipulation and Settlement Conference Report, today, January 8, 2025, with a Pre-hearing Conference schedule for Monday January 13, 2025, and tentative dates for evidentiary hearings January 15 through January 17, 2025, conditioned on the existence of material issue of facts in dispute.

- 5. On January 2, 2025, WGL filed a motion asserting that there are material issues of fact in dispute and requests that the Commission convene an in-person status conference on Monday, January 13, 2025, and in-person evidentiary hearings on January 15-17, 2025.<sup>6</sup> The parties' responses to WGL's motion are due January 13, 2025, the date of the scheduled Prehearing/Status Conference.
- 6. Additionally, because there are outstanding motions to compel discovery, we believe that to ensure all parties receive due process, the Commission holds in abeyance the procedural schedule until the Commission addresses WGL's motion and outstanding motions to compel discovery<sup>7</sup> and the parties have had an opportunity to supplement their testimony if directed to do so. Until the Commission issues a new procedural schedule, the Order No. 22317 procedural schedule is held in abeyance.

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WGL's Motion at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Formal Case No. 1179, Order No. 22003, ¶ 57.