

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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NOTICE OF JOINT TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

January 21, 2026

FORMAL CASE NO. 977, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DIVISION, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, and

FORMAL CASE NO. 1178, IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR INVESTIGATION INTO WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S SYSTEM LEAK REDUCTION PRACTICES,

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") gives notice that the Commission will hold a joint virtual technical conference in *Formal Case Nos. 977 and 1178*, on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

2. In *Formal Case No. 977*, by Order No. 22461, the Commission directed staff to convene three technical conferences with Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL") and the Office of People's Counsel ("OPC") to address recurring inconsistencies in data reporting and outline measurable improvements to internal controls.¹ The technical conferences were to cover potential improvements to notification and data reporting, record-keeping, technician training, and retention of both the Natural Gas Quality Service Standards ("NGQSS") and Leak Identification, Detection, and Repair, as well as Odor Complaints ("LIDAROC").² In addition, the Order directed at the conclusion of the technical conferences, WGL to include "in the fourth quarter Natural Gas Quality of Service Standard Report and the 2025 Annual Natural Gas Quality of Service Standard Report detailed information outlining its improvement plan and explaining the steps it will be implementing to address the issues identified in [] Order [No. 22461]."³

3. The technical conferences were held on November 5, 2025, December 9, 2025, and January 13, 2026. However, the parties did not complete the work necessary for addressing potential reporting improvements for the LIDAROC database. Specifically, during the January 13, 2026, technical conference, it was recognized that a joint meeting with the technical conference participants for *Formal Case No. 1178* was needed due to overlap in the group's work.

4. In *Formal Case No. 1178*, by Order No. 22004, the Commission directed that a technical conference be convened to address "the most effective methods, both in terms of technology and procedures, for detecting natural gas leaks in urban environments," including "both current practices and innovative approaches that may enhance accuracy and efficiency in leak detection."⁴ WGL was to respond to questions and concerns and to discuss best-practice

¹ *Formal Case No. 977, In the Matter of the Investigation into the Quality of Service of Washington Gas Light Company, District of Columbia Division, in the District of Columbia*, Order No. 22461, ¶¶ 19, 28, rel. July 16, 2025 ("Order No. 22461").

² Order No. 22461, at ¶ 19.

³ Order No. 22461, at ¶ 19.

⁴ Order No. 22004, ¶ 18.

recommendations raised by the parties in comments filed by July 31, 2024. Pursuant to a series of notices in *Formal Case No. 1178*, a variety of technical conferences were convened.⁵

5. To harmonize and ensure consistency and coherence in these proceedings, at least one joint technical conference is necessary.⁶ The virtual technical conference will be held on Teams. For the parties in *Formal Case No. 1178* that have a confidentiality agreement to receive an invitation to the technical conference, contact Kimberly Lincoln-Stewart at kstewart@psc.dc.gov at least three (3) days in advance of the technical conference.

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⁵ *Formal Case No. 1178*, Notices of Technical Conferences, filed August 2, 2024, October 7, 2024, November 14, 2024, January 29, 2025, May 23, 2025, September 24, 2025, October 27, 2025, and November 3, 2025.

⁶ *Formal Case No. 977*, Order No. 22461, ¶ 19, the Commission directed that information discussed in both cases related to LIDAROC be harmonized.