

## Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20005 202-626-5120 www.dcpsc.org

## **Commission Open Meeting**

Immediate Release: June 28, 2017

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) approved four items before the Commission at its June 21<sup>st</sup> Open Meeting. The matters include:

- 1. Formal Case No. 1027, In the Matter of the Emergency Petition of the Office of the People's Counsel for an Expedited Investigation of the Distribution System of Washington Gas Light Company; GT97-3, In the Matter of the Application of Washington Gas Light Company for Authority to Amend its Rate Schedule No. 6; and GT06-1, In the Matter of the Application of Washington Gas Light Company for Authority to Amend General Service Provision No. 23, and Formal Case No. 1115, In the Matter of Washington Gas Light Company's Request for Approval of a Revised Accelerated Pipeline **Replacement Plan.** This Order reviews the Report on the Technical Conference filed by Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) on March 13, 2017. The Commission takes action on the issues held in abeyance in Order Nos. 18566 and 18567. The Commission directs WGL to include American Association of Cost Engineers (AACE) Class 3 estimates when it includes a project on the Annual Project list or explain why this requirement would be infeasible. WGL shall explain why it believes that the staffing and other management changes that it has undertaken to manage PROJECTpipes remove the need for a project management tool to work with WGL's Work Management Information System (WMIS). The Commission directs WGL to provide more details on its proposals to undertake an assessment of resources, the costs of which it plans to recover from District of Columbia ratepayers. WGL shall also assemble all of the documents that it believes would comprise a Progress Implementation Plan (PIP) into one complete document for filing with the Commission. All of these responses are due within 30 days of the date of this Order. Comments and reply comments are due within 30 and 45 days of these filing.
- 2. OPC 2017-01, In the Matter of the Office of the People's Counsel's Investigation into AltaGas, Ltd.'s Proposed Acquisition of Washington Gas Light Company. This Order denies the Office of the People's Counsel's (OPC) Application for Reconsideration of Order No. 18739, which denied OPC's Motion to Compel Discovery Response from Washington Gas Light Company (WGL). The Commission also denies OPC's Motion for Leave to Reply and Limited Reply and OPC's Motion for Leave to Respond and Limited Response to Opposition filed yesterday.
- 3. Formal Case No. 1130, In the Matter of the Investigation into Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability. This Order grants the Pepco's motion to initiate a formal comment period on the Office of the People's Counsel's Distributed Solar in the District of Columbia Report. Comments and reply comments on the Value of Solar Report are due July 12, 2017 and July 24, 2017, respectively.
- 4. Formal Case No. 874, In the Matter of the Gas Acquisition Strategies of the District of Columbia Natural Gas, a Division of the Washington Gas Light Company. This Order accepts the Gas Procurement Working Groups recommendations for modifications to the Gas Procurement Report. Since the Commission is adopting a streamlined reporting format for Gas Procurement Report there is no need for

the Office of the People's Counsel to file comments to Washington Gas Light's 2016 Gas Procurement Report.

A <u>recording of the Commission Open</u> meeting will be available on the Commission's website within three business days from June 6, 2017.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. The proposed agenda for the next Commission meeting will be posted at least 48 hours before the announced meeting.

## **Announcements**

Formal Case No. 1145 - In the Matter of Applications for Approval of Biennial Underground Infrastructure Improvement Projects Plans and Financing Orders.

The Commission opened Formal Case No. 1145 by Order No. 18801 to consider applications for approval of the Biennial Undergrounding Plans. Formal Case No. 1145 is a rebooting of the Private-Public Partnership between the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation's (DDOT) to bury overhead primary power lines to improve electric service reliability and reduce the impact of storm-related outages in the District of Columbia. That Order also set an expedited discovery schedule as required by the amended Act. Pursuant to the discovery schedule, the Joint Application will not be filed until on or about July 3, 2017; however, due to the expedited nature of this proceeding and the requirement that we convene public community hearings regarding the Biennial Plan Application the Commission is providing notice, including the dates, times, and locations before the filing of the Biennial Plan Application.

The Commission will be holding four community hearings in the following wards where new D.C. Plug infrastructure projects will take place:

Friday - July 21 2017 - 2:30 P.M. start (Ward 8) Community of Hope DC 4 Atlantic Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20032 Monday - July 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 - 6:30 P.M. start (Ward 5) Trinity Washington University, O'Connor Auditorium 125 Michigan Avenue N.E. Washington, D.C. 20017

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – 6:30 P.M. start (Ward 4) Temple Sinai 3100 Military Road N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015

The time and the location of the fourth community hearing will be announced shortly and will be posted on the Commission's website.

The Commission will issue a specific <u>District of Columbia Power Line Undergrounding</u> (DC PLUG) hearing notice to all affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. The DC PLUG application once filed will also be available on the Commission's website. The public will have 60 days from the date of the Biennial Plan filing to file comments on the Biennial Plan. (approximately September 5, 2017).

To testify at the community hearing, please submit your name and organization (if any) to the Office of the Commission Secretary by 5 p.m., three business days prior to the hearing by calling 202-626-5150 or by sending an email to psc-commissionsecretary@dc.gov. We welcome walk-ins.

If an organization or an individual is unable to offer comments at the community hearing, written statements may be dropped off to the DCPSC at 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20005, or submitted through the DCPSC website.

Individuals who need special accommodations, interpretation and/or translation services should inform the Office of the Commission Secretary at least three days prior to the hearing at 202-626-5150.

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