

ORDER NO. 89138

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF THE BALTIMORE GAS AND
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR
ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS ELECTRIC AND
GAS BASE RATES

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9610

Issue Date: May 29, 2019

**ORDER INITIATING DOCKET, SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS,
AND SCHEDULING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

On May 24, 2019, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“Company”) submitted to the Public Service Commission an application for authority to make certain adjustments to its electric and gas base rates and other revisions to its tariffs related with its electric and gas services to become effective June 23, 2019 (“Application”) The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits. The Company has requested an increase in electric base rate revenues of \$81.1 million, which includes \$7.1 million of Electric Reliability Investment (“ERI”) initiative revenues currently recovered through the ERI charge on customer bills, and an increase in gas base rate revenues of \$67.6 million, which includes \$8.7 million of Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement (“STRIDE”) revenues currently recovered through the STRIDE charge on customer bills (or a total of \$148.7 million).

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Thursday, June 27, 2019, in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower,

6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for the Company, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 29th day of May in the year Two Thousand Nineteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings to consider the Application and the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates, terms, and conditions of the tariff revisions are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That, pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, § 4-204, the tariff revisions filed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company are suspended for an initial period of 150 days from June 23, 2019;

(3) That discovery commences immediately for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel;

(4) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in a newspaper(s) in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to June 21, 2019, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing conference is being held and the time, date, place, and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for June 27, 2019. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original and 17 copies,

plus one electronic copy,¹ of any petition to intervene, shall be filed with Terry J Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by June 25, 2019;

(5) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference;

(6) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company also shall place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location, and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed; and

(7) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is directed to employ any routinely used social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook, and any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary

¹ The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's E-file system for filing the electronic copy. Details of the E-file system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us (Online Services or Tools). Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched.