

Plan program expenditures approved in Case No. PUE-2012-00096⁴ and Case No. PUE-2015-00017;⁵ and (2) a Reconciliation Factor for the 12-month period ended April 30, 2016, computed in accordance with § 56-604 E of the SAVE Act. WGL computed costs for the Current Factor of \$4,109,583,⁶ for the 2017 SAVE Rider, based on projected SAVE Plan expenditures of approximately \$70,400,000 for 2017.⁷ For the Reconciliation Factor, the Company computed an overall over-recovery of SAVE rider costs in the amount of \$2,578,135, for the period from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.⁸ The Company's total proposed 2017 SAVE Rider revenue requirement is \$1,531,448.⁹ The Company's proposed 2017 SAVE Rider rates per therm by rate schedule are as follows: Residential, \$0.0026; Commercial and Industrial, \$0.0009; Group Metered Apartment, \$0.0010; and Interruptible, \$0.0035.¹⁰

The Company proposes to apply the 2017 SAVE Rider to meter readings beginning on the first day of the January 2017 billing cycle and to notate the 2017 SAVE Rider on customers'

⁴ *Application of Washington Gas Light Company, For authority to amend its SAVE Plan pursuant to § 56-604 B of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUE-2012-00096, 2012 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 502, Order Approving Amended SAVE Plan (Nov. 15, 2012).

⁵ *Application of Washington Gas Light Company, For authority to amend its SAVE Plan pursuant to § 56-604 B of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUE-2015-00017, 2015 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 282, Order (June 5, 2015).

⁶ See Prefiled Direct Testimony of R. Andrew Lawson ("Lawson Direct"), Exhibit RAL-1, page 1 of 18. On June 30, 2016, the Company filed with the Commission an application requesting authority to increase its rates and charges effective for usage beginning with the December 2016 billing cycle ("2016 Rate Case"). See *Application of Washington Gas Light Company, For a general increase in rates and charges and to revise the terms and conditions applicable to gas service*, Case No. PUE-2016-00001, filed June 30, 2016. The proposed rates and charges include in rate base all actual and projected SAVE investments made through November 30, 2016. By its July 19, 2016 Order for Notice and Hearing in the 2016 Rate Case, the Commission authorized the Company to implement its proposed rates on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 28, 2016.

⁷ Application at 6.

⁸ See Lawson Direct, Exhibit RAL-2, page 1 of 9.

⁹ The total proposed 2017 SAVE Rider revenue requirement is derived by subtracting the Reconciliation Factor revenue requirement of (\$2,578,135) from the Current Factor revenue requirement of \$4,109,583.

¹⁰ Application at 10.

monthly bills in a separate line item labeled "All Applicable Riders."¹¹ WGL estimates that the proposed 2017 SAVE Rider for a typical residential customer using 772 therms of gas annually would be \$2.01.¹²

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Company's Application and the applicable law, is of the opinion and finds that WGL should provide public notice of its Application; that interested persons should be afforded an opportunity to file comments and request a hearing on the Company's Application; and that the Commission Staff ("Staff") should investigate the Application and file a report containing the Staff's findings and recommendations ("Staff Report").

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before September 29, 2016, the Company shall cause a copy of the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory within the Commonwealth of Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF
THE SAVE RIDER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017
CASE NO. PUE-2016-00083

On August 17, 2016, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to § 56-603 *et seq.* of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan (SAVE) Act ("SAVE Act"), 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and the Commission's Order initially approving a SAVE plan ("SAVE Plan") and rider in Case No. PUE-2010-

¹¹ *Id.* at 9-10.

¹² *Id.* at 2.

00087. In its Application WGL requests to revise the Company's SAVE Plan rider for calendar year 2017 ("2017 SAVE Rider").

The Company states that the 2017 SAVE Rider will consist of two factors computed for each customer class: (1) a Current Factor, which is based on the Company's projected SAVE Plan program expenditures approved in Case No. PUE-2012-00096 and Case No. PUE-2015-00017; and (2) a Reconciliation Factor for the 12-month period ended April 30, 2016, computed in accordance with § 56-604 E of the SAVE Act. WGL computed costs for the Current Factor of \$4,109,583, for the 2017 SAVE Rider, based on projected SAVE Plan expenditures of approximately \$70,400,000 for 2017. For the Reconciliation Factor, the Company computed an overall over-recovery of SAVE rider costs in the amount of \$2,578,135, for the period from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. The Company's total proposed 2017 SAVE Rider revenue requirement is \$1,531,448. The Company's proposed 2017 SAVE rider rates per therm by rate schedule are as follows: Residential, \$0.0026; Commercial and Industrial, \$0.0009; Group Metered Apartment, \$0.0010; and Interruptible, \$0.0035.

The Company proposes to apply the 2017 SAVE Rider to meter readings beginning on the first day of the January 2017 billing cycle and to notate the SAVE Rider on customers' monthly bills in a separate line item labeled "All Applicable Riders." WGL estimates that the proposed 2017 SAVE Rider for a typical residential customer using 772 therms of gas annually would be \$2.01.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20080. The Application and related documents also shall be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before October 13, 2016, interested persons may file written comments on WGL's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before October 13, 2016, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact disks or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00083.

On or before October 13, 2016, any interested person may request that the Commission convene a hearing in this matter by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the request for hearing shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, at the address set forth above. Requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00083 and shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

A copy of any written comments and requests for hearing shall simultaneously be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

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(2) On or before September 29, 2016, WGL shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Comment on the chairman of the board of supervisors and county attorney of each county and upon the mayor or manager (or upon equivalent officials) of every city and town in which the Company provides service in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Service shall be made by personal delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(3) On or before October 13, 2016, the Company shall provide the Commission with the proof of notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (1) and (2).

(4) WGL promptly shall make a copy of the Application available to the public, who may obtain a copy of the Application at no charge by requesting a copy of the same in writing from the Company's counsel, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20080. The Application and related documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

(5) On or before October 13, 2016, interested persons may file comments concerning the issues in this case with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before October 13, 2016, by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact disks or any other form of electronic

storage medium may not be filed with the comments. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00083.

(6) On or before October 13, 2016, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the request for hearing shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (5). Requests for hearing must refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00083 and include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

(7) A copy of any written comments and requests for hearing shall simultaneously be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (4).

(8) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before October 20, 2016, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Staff Report containing its findings and recommendations and promptly shall serve a copy of the same on counsel to the Company and all interested persons filing comments or requests for hearing.

(9) On or before October 27, 2016, WGL may file with the Clerk of the Commission any response in rebuttal to the Staff Report, requests for hearing, and any comments filed by interested persons in this proceeding.

(10) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or requests for the production of documents within four (4) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Except as so modified,

discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(11) This matter is continued generally pending further order of the Commission.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:
Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20080; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General,
Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 202 North Ninth Street,
Richmond, Virginia 23219; and a copy shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General
Counsel and Divisions of Energy Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.