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APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2018-00145

For approval of the SAVE Rider  
for calendar year 2019

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On September 11, 2018, in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"),<sup>1</sup> Washington Gas Light Company ("Washington Gas" or "Company") completed an application ("Application") for approval of the Company's SAVE<sup>2</sup> Plan Rider for calendar year 2019 ("2019 SAVE Rider").

In its Application, Washington Gas states that the 2019 SAVE Rider will consist of two factors computed for each customer class: (i) a Current Factor, which is based on the Company's SAVE Plan approved in Case No. PUR-2017-00102 for program expenditures projected for 2019;<sup>3</sup> and (ii) a Reconciliation Factor for the twelve-month period ended April 30, 2018, computed in accordance with § 56-604 E of the SAVE Act.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> *See* § 56-603 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia ("Code") ("SAVE Act").

<sup>3</sup> *Application of Washington Gas Light Company, For approval to amend its SAVE Plan pursuant to § 56-604 B of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUR-2017-00102, 2017 Ann. Rept. 546, Order (Nov. 21, 2017).

<sup>4</sup> Application at 1.

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The Company proposes a total 2019 SAVE Rider revenue requirement in the amount of \$1,676,143, which consists of a Current Factor revenue requirement of \$4,141,557 and a Reconciliation Factor revenue requirement of (\$2,465,414).<sup>5</sup>

The Company proposes to apply the 2019 SAVE Rider to meter readings beginning on the first day of the January 2019 billing cycle.<sup>6</sup> The 2019 SAVE Rider will be included in a separate line item labeled as "All Applicable Riders" on customers' bills. As proposed, the rates (shown as \$ per therm) for the Company's rate classes will be as follows:<sup>7</sup>

	Current Factor	Reconciliation Factor	SAVE Rider Rate
Residential	\$0.0079	(\$0.0045)	\$0.0034
Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0036	(\$0.0032)	\$0.0004
Group Metered Apartment	\$0.0042	(\$0.0030)	\$0.0012
Interruptible	\$0.0015	\$0.0007	\$0.0022

On September 4, 2018, the Company filed a Motion for Entry of a Protective Ruling ("Motion").

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Company's Application and the applicable law, is of the opinion and finds that it should docket this matter; Washington Gas

<sup>5</sup> Revised Appendix A, Schedule 1. In its Application, the Company notes that it filed an application to increase base rates on July 31, 2018 ("Base Rate Case"). The revenue requirement proposed by the Company in the Base Rate Case includes approximately \$14.7 million related to costs associated with the investments in infrastructure replacements made pursuant to the Company's SAVE Plan; therefore, the Company has removed that amount from the 2019 SAVE Rider. *See* Application at 6.

<sup>6</sup> Application at 9 (Revised).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

should provide public notice of its Application; interested persons should be afforded an opportunity to file comments on the Company's Application, file notices of participation, or request a hearing on the Application; and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") should investigate the Application and file a Report containing its findings and recommendations.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Company's Application is docketed as Case No. PUR-2018-00145.

(2) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before Hearing Examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery matters that may arise in this proceeding, including the Company's Motion.

(3) On or before October 16, 2018, the Company shall cause the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory in Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL  
OF THE SAVE RIDER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019  
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Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

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

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, 1000 Maine Avenue, SW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20024. The Application and related documents also are available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 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 23, 2018, interested persons may file written comments on the Company's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. On or before October 23, 2018, interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00145.

On or before October 23, 2018, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00145.

On or before October 23, 2018, any interested person may request a hearing in this matter by filing a request for hearing. Any request for hearing shall state with specificity why a hearing should be conducted in this matter and why such issues cannot be addressed adequately in comments without a hearing. If not filed electronically on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, an original and fifteen (15) copies of any request for hearing shall be filed with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any such filings

shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00145, and copies thereof shall simultaneously be served on counsel for the Company.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice 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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(4) On or before October 16, 2018, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Comment on the following officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town in which the Company provides service in the Commonwealth of Virginia: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(5) Washington Gas 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, 1000 Maine Avenue, SW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20024. The Application and related documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 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>.

(6) On or before October 23, 2018, 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. On or before October 23, 2018, interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00145.

(7) On or before October 23, 2018, any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (6). Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00145.

(8) On or before October 23, 2018, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (6), or by filing a request for hearing electronically by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Requests for hearing

must include: (i) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter; and (ii) a precise statement why such issues cannot be addressed adequately in comments. All such filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00145.

(9) A copy of any requests for hearing and notices of participation simultaneously shall be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (5).

(10) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before November 5, 2018, 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 respondents.

(11) On or before November 13, 2018, Washington Gas may file with the Clerk of the Commission any response in rebuttal to the Staff Report and any comments filed by interested persons in this proceeding.

(12) On or before November 5, 2018, the Company shall provide the Commission with the proof of notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively.

(13) All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(14) 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. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically, or by facsimile, on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production

is directed or the assigned Staff attorney, if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.<sup>8</sup> Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(15) This matter is continued.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:  
Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 1000 Maine Avenue, SW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20024; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, 202 N. 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219-3424. A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Utility and Railroad Safety, Public Utility Regulation, and Utility Accounting and Finance.

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<sup>8</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, by clicking "Docket Search," and clicking "Search Cases," and entering the case number, PUR-2018-00145, in the appropriate box.