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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 21, 2024

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REGULATORY SERVICES DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00030

For authority to increase rates and  
charges and to revise the terms and  
conditions applicable to gas service

ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 29, 2024, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting authority to increase its rates and charges, effective for the first billing unit of October 2024, and to revise the terms and conditions applicable to gas service ("Application"). On June 10, 2024, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Hearing ("Procedural Order"), that, among other things, docketed the matter and established a procedural schedule.

Ordering Paragraph (8) of the Procedural Order requires the Company to publish notice of its Application on or before July 17, 2024. Ordering Paragraph (10) of the Procedural Order further requires the Company to file, on or before July 17, 2024, proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9).

NOW THE COMMISSION is of the opinion and finds, to enable the Company sufficient time to file proof of the notice and service, the deadline in Ordering Paragraph (10) should be extended and the procedural schedule for this case should be as modified below.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before August 7, 2024, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9) of the Procedural Order, including the name, title,

address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling).

(2) All other provisions of the Commission's Procedural Order remain in full force and effect.

(3) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 10, 2024

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APPLICATION OF  
COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

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CASE NO. PUR-2024-00030

For authority to increase rates and  
charges and to revise the terms and  
conditions applicable to gas service

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On April 29, 2024, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or "Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-Owned Gas Utilities,<sup>1</sup> requesting authority to increase its rates and charges, effective for the first billing unit of October 2024, and to revise the terms and conditions applicable to gas service ("Application"). In its Application, CVA states that the proposed rates and charges are designed to increase the non-gas base revenues of CVA by approximately \$52.6 million per year.<sup>2</sup> CVA further states that this revenue increase includes approximately \$15.4 million of revenues associated with investments under the Company's Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy ("SAVE") Plan pursuant to Code § 56-603 *et seq.* (the "SAVE Act").<sup>3</sup> The Company states that it is proposing to include recovery of the costs associated with approximately \$129 million of net rate base SAVE investments as of September

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<sup>1</sup> 20 VAC 5-205-5 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Application at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

30, 2024, in base rates, as permitted under the SAVE Act.<sup>4</sup> The Company represents that it was last authorized to increase its rates and charges effective October 2022 in Case No.

PUR-2022-00036 ("2022 Rate Case").<sup>5</sup>

CVA states that the earnings test analysis of the Company's jurisdictional operations during the 12 months ending December 31, 2023 ("Test Year"), after limited accounting adjustments, shows a return on equity ("ROE") of 8.08%, which is below the authorized earnings test ROE of 9.70%.<sup>6</sup> CVA states that, in addition to these under-earnings, the increase in base rates proposed by CVA in this Application is driven primarily by the Company's ongoing capital investments to accommodate pipeline and facility safety and modernization and to accommodate sustained demand for natural gas.<sup>7</sup> CVA further represents that, since the 2022 Rate Case, the Company has continued to enhance pipeline safety and reliability through its safety management system approach by identifying, prioritizing, and reducing risks.<sup>8</sup> The Company states that significant Distribution Integrity Management Plan ("DIMP") initiatives are currently underway and are expected to continue in the 12 months ending September 30, 2025.<sup>9</sup> The Company requests approval of the annual amount of eligible safety activity costs of \$5.9 million necessary for the DIMP.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 2. See *Application of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., For authority to increase rates and charges and to revise the terms and conditions applicable to gas service*, Case No. PUR-2022-00036, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 230540011, Final Order (May 15, 2023).

<sup>6</sup> Application at 3.

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

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

In its Application, the Company proposes an ROE of 10.85%, which it asserts falls at the midpoint of the proposed cost of equity range for CVA of 10.35% and 11.35%.<sup>11</sup> CVA represents that its proposed rates will result in an increase of approximately 11.68%, inclusive of SAVE recovery, to the typical monthly bill for a residential customer using 5.1 dekatherms.<sup>12</sup> The Company states that the average monthly bill of a residential customer using 5.1 dekatherms will increase from approximately \$76.26 to approximately \$85.17.<sup>13</sup> The Company states that, for small general service ("SGS") customers, the typical monthly bill based on average usage will increase by approximately 13.10% for SGS<sub>1</sub> customers, 9.02% for SGS<sub>2</sub> customers, and 6.30% for SGS<sub>3</sub> customers.<sup>14</sup>

The Company also proposes modifications to its currently effective Rate Schedules, General Terms and Conditions, and Form of Service Agreements (collectively, "Tariff").<sup>15</sup> The Company states that the proposed substantive modifications to the Tariff include: (a) revisions to Rate Schedule CSPA – Competitive Service Provider Service;<sup>16</sup> (b) modification to the

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<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 4; Direct Testimony of Vincent V. Rea at 3.

<sup>12</sup> Application at 5.

<sup>13</sup> Direct Testimony of Estana M. Davis at 10.

<sup>14</sup> Application at 5.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> The Company states that it is proposing two modifications to better equip the Company to respond to related customer inquiries and to address customer complaints related to these activities. First, the Company is proposing that a competitive service provider be required to notify the Company no less than five working days prior to the commencement of scheduled marketing and solicitation activities within CVA's territory. Second, the Company is proposing changes to Section 5 of Rate Schedule CSPA regarding processing of enrollments and removals to be processed in a timely manner. *Id.*

definition of Purchased Gas;<sup>17</sup> and (c) modification to the Supplier Refund Process.<sup>18</sup> CVA requests that the Commission authorize the implementation of the rate and tariff modifications proposed in the Application, on an interim basis subject to refund, effective for the first billing unit of October 2024.<sup>19</sup>

In conjunction with the filing of its Application on April 29, 2024, the Company filed the Motion for Entry of a Protective Order ("Motion") and a proposed protective order that establishes procedures governing the use of confidential information in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Application and applicable statutes, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; CVA should give notice of its Application to interested persons and the public; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application as well as public witness testimony; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as a respondent in this proceeding; and Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon.

We note that the proposed revenue requirement, if approved, would result in an increase to customer bills. Code § 56-238 permits the Commission to suspend rates for up to 150 days

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<sup>17</sup> The Company states that it is proposing to add Certified Natural Gas ("CNG") and the environmental attributes associated with responsible natural gas production, known as "CNG certificates," to the definition of Purchased Gas in Section 17.1(b) of the Tariff. *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> The Company states that it is proposing two modifications to the supplier refund process. Those modifications include (i) allowing the Company to provide direct refunds for large volume firm and interruptible customers in conjunction with annual Actual Cost Adjustment calculation; and (ii) allowing the Company to calculate direct refunds for transportation customers when a supplier refund is received that is applicable to Banking and Balancing Service and/or Standby Service. *Id.* at 5-6.

<sup>19</sup> *Id.* at 8-9.

from the date of filing. We find that suspending rates for 150 days is appropriate in this case which is the maximum allowed by law. On or after the first billing unit of October 2024, the Company may, but is not required to, implement its proposed rates and proposed revisions to its Tariff on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest.

We find this matter should be assigned a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on the Company's Motion.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter hereby is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2024-00030.
- (2) All pleadings in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").<sup>20</sup> Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by

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

electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including filing a final report and ruling on the Company's Motion. A copy of each filing made with the Commission's Clerk's office in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners.<sup>21</sup>

(5) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

- (a) The portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m., on December 10, 2024.
- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- (c) On or before December 4, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m., on December 10, 2024, the Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify, if any, as provided above.

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<sup>21</sup> Such electronic copies shall be sent to [OHEParalegals@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:OHEParalegals@scc.virginia.gov).



(e) This public witness portion of the hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

(6) The evidentiary portion of the hearing on the Application shall be convened at 10 a.m. on December 10, 2024, or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

(7) An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Vishwa B. Link, Esq., McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [vlink@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:vlink@mcguirewoods.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

(8) On or before July 17, 2024, the Company shall cause the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's Virginia service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.  
FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES AND  
CHARGES AND TO REVISE THE TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO GAS SERVICE  
CASE NO. PUR-2024-00030

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base revenues of CVA by approximately \$52.6 million per year. CVA further states that this revenue increase includes approximately \$15.4 million of revenues associated with investments under the Company's Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy ("SAVE") Plan pursuant to Code § 56-603 *et seq.* (the "SAVE Act"). The Company states that it is proposing to include recovery of the costs associated with approximately \$129 million of net rate base SAVE investments as of September 30, 2024, in base rates, as permitted under the SAVE Act. The Company represents that it was last authorized to increase its rates and charges effective October 2022 in Case No. PUR-2022-00036 ("2022 Rate Case").

CVA states that the earnings test analysis of the Company's jurisdictional operations during the 12 months ending December 31, 2023 ("Test Year"), after limited accounting adjustments, shows a return on equity ("ROE") of 8.08%, which is below the authorized earnings test ROE of 9.70%. CVA states that, in addition to these under-earnings, the increase in base rates proposed by CVA in this Application is driven primarily by the Company's ongoing capital investments to accommodate pipeline and facility safety and modernization and to accommodate sustained demand for natural gas. CVA further represents that, since the 2022 Rate Case, the Company has continued to enhance pipeline safety and reliability through its safety management system approach by identifying, prioritizing, and reducing risks. The Company states that significant Distribution Integrity Management Plan ("DIMP") initiatives are currently underway and are expected to continue in the 12 months ending September 30, 2025. The Company requests approval of the annual amount of eligible safety activity costs of \$5.9 million necessary for the DIMP.

In its Application, the Company proposes an ROE of 10.85%, which it asserts falls at the midpoint of the proposed cost of equity range for CVA of 10.35% and 11.35%. CVA represents that its proposed rates will result in an increase of approximately 11.68%, inclusive of SAVE recovery, to the typical monthly bill for a residential customer using 5.1 dekatherms. The Company states that the average monthly bill of a residential customer using 5.1 dekatherms will increase from approximately \$76.26 to approximately \$85.17. The Company states that, for small general service ("SGS") customers, the typical monthly bill based on average usage will increase by approximately 13.10% for SGS<sub>1</sub>

customers, 9.02% for SGS<sub>2</sub> customers, and 6.30% for SGS<sub>3</sub> customers.

The Company also proposes modifications to its currently effective Rate Schedules, General Terms and Conditions, and Form of Service Agreements (collectively, "Tariff"). The Company states that the proposed substantive modifications to the Tariff include: (a) revisions to Rate Schedule CSPA – Competitive Service Provider Service; (b) modification to the definition of Purchased Gas; and (c) modification to the Supplier Refund Process.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review CVA's Application and supporting public documents in full for details about 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 Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on CVA's Application. The Commission noted that the proposed revenue requirement, if approved, would result in an increase to customer bills. Pursuant to Code § 56-238, the Commission suspended CVA's proposed rates for a period of 150 days, the maximum allowed by law, and permitted CVA to implement the proposed rate increase and revisions to the Tariff on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest, on and after the first billing unit in October 2024.

On December 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before December 4, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to

[SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

Beginning at 10 a.m. on December 10, 2024, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On December 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Vishwa B. Link, Esq., McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [vlink@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:vlink@mcguirewoods.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

On or before December 4, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00030.

On or before September 18, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation

electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("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-2024-00030.

On or before October 16, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00030.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, 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 public version of the Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the

Commission's website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](https://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

(9) The Company shall serve each official listed in 20 VAC 5-205-10 J as provided by 20 VAC 5-205-10 J.

(10) On or before July 17, 2024, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9), including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](https://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling).

(11) On or before December 4, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](https://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00030.

(12) On or before September 18, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](https://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (11). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 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 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00030.

(13) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the public version of its Application and supporting materials on the respondent, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(14) On or before October 16, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](https://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (11). Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00030.

(15) On or before October 30, 2024, the Staff shall investigate the Application and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application, and each Staff witness' testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(16) On or before November 20, 2024, CVA shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony

shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on the Staff and all respondents.

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

(18) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 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 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>22</sup> Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(19) The proposed rates, charges, and terms of conditions of service are suspended pursuant to § 56-238 of the Code for a period of 150 days. CVA may, but is not required to, place its proposed rates and revisions to the Tariff into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest, effective for the first billing unit of October 2024.

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<sup>22</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information), by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number PUR-2024-00030 in the appropriate box.



(20) On or before October 1, 2024, CVA shall file a bond with the Commission in the amount of \$52.6 million payable to the Commission and conditioned to ensure the prompt refund by the Company to those entitled thereto of all amounts the Company shall collect in excess of such rates and charges as the Commission may finally fix and determine.

(21) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.