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## **Second Public Comment Hearing Set for Chesapeake Utilities Rate Case**

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a second public comment hearing on the application filed in January 2024 by the Chesapeake Utilities Corporation – Maryland Division, Sandpiper Energy, Inc. and Elkton Gas Company for increases to their gas distribution rates. The utilities’ customers and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the virtual hearing on **Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.** before Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence. The first public hearing in this case was held July 23rd of this year.

To participate virtually, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email referencing Case No. 9722 to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com) by noon on the day of the hearing. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. For those who want to watch the hearing, please visit the Public Utility Law Judge’s YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

According to the application, the companies, all subsidiaries of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, propose to increase rates by nearly \$6.5 million, as follows -- Maryland Division by \$2,765,409; Sandpiper by \$1,740,850; and Elkton by \$2,058,882. Maryland Division serves 13,676 customers in Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Somerset and Wicomico counties; Sandpiper serves 11,394 customers in Worcester County; and Elkton serves 6,842 customers in the Town of Elkton and certain surrounding areas.

The Commission will also accept written comments (until August 14, 2024) which can be sent by mail or submitted electronically at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>

Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference **Case No. 9722.**

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