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Public Comment Hearings Scheduled For Columbia Gas of Maryland Rate Case

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two public comment hearings on the request by Columbia Gas of Maryland to increase rates by \$8.7 million. Columbia Gas of Maryland, a subsidiary of NiSource, Inc., provides retail gas distribution service to approximately 34,000 customers in the western Maryland counties of Allegany, Garrett and Washington. According to the company, under its proposed rates the total monthly bill for an average residential customer would increase from \$94.19 per month to \$108.28 per month, or by nearly 15%.

Hearings before Public Utility Law Judge Jennifer J. Grace will be held on:

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Ramada Plaza Hotel Hagerstown (Antietam Room)
1718 Underpass Way in Hagerstown

Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Fairfield Inn & Suites Cumberland (Allegany Meeting Room)
21 N. Wineow Street in Cumberland

The Commission will also accept written comments (until January 3, 2025) 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. 9754.**

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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities and suppliers, telephone companies (land lines), private water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire, taxicab companies in some jurisdictions and bay pilot rates. The Commission implements the energy policy of the State and also regulates the siting of energy generating facilities and high-voltage transmission lines.