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## **Maryland PSC to Hold Virtual Public Comment Hearing for Columbia Gas Rate Increase Request**

(BALTIMORE, MD-August 26, 2020) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing on Columbia Gas of Maryland's rate increase application. The hearing will be held **Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Webex** and will be conducted by Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence.

Columbia Gas has requested to increase rates for gas service by \$6.3 million, or approximately 14 percent. Columbia Gas provides natural gas service to more than 33,000 customers in the western Maryland counties of Allegany, Garrett and Washington.

**Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing, should send an email to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com) by 12 noon on September 1, 2020. The hearing will also be livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel, <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>.**

Written comments will also be accepted until September 8, 2020 by using the Commission's online public comments portal, instructions for which can be found at: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/> **Comments should reference Case. No 9644.**

If submitted by first-class mail, comments should be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

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