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Virtual Public Comment Hearing Set for Washington Gas STRIDE Proposal

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission has scheduled a virtual public comment hearing on the gas strategic infrastructure development and enhancement (STRIDE) plan filed by Washington Gas Light. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.** Public Utility Law Judge Kristin Case Lawrence will preside.

The hearing will begin with brief presentations by Washington Gas, Sierra Club, Maryland Office of People's Counsel and the Commission's Technical Staff.

Washington Gas, a subsidiary of AltaGas, Ltd., provides natural gas distribution services to more than 513,000 customers in six Maryland counties: Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's. The company has filed for approval of its 2024-2028 STRIDE plan and an associated surcharge. WGL's plan accelerates cost recovery of eligible gas distribution and transmission system infrastructure replacements of \$495 million, to be collected over a five-year period beginning January 1, 2024. As proposed, the estimated monthly surcharge for residential heating and cooling customers would start at 49 cents in the first year and reach \$2.00 in the plan's last three years.

The utility's customers and other interested persons are welcome to participate in the hearing. To sign up to speak, please send an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by **12 noon on Monday, September 11, 2023**. The hearing will be held on the Zoom platform and participants will receive an email with the link to join in. For those who just want to watch the hearing, it will be simultaneously livestreamed on the Public Utility Law Judge's [YouTube](#) channel (MD PSC PULJs).

Written comments will also be accepted until **September 26, 2023**, and can be sent by mail or submitted electronically through the online portal at

<https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/> Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Andrew Johnston, Executive Secretary, 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, comments should reference **Case No. [9708](#)**. Only one copy is necessary.

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