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Maryland PSC to Hold Two Public Hearings for Columbia Gas Rate Increase Application

(BALTIMORE, MD-July 6, 2018) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold two public hearings this month on the application by Columbia Gas of Maryland to raise its rates by just over \$6 million. Columbia serves approximately 33,000 customers in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties in Maryland. The proposed rates would result in a bill increase of \$10.26 (or 13.4%) for the average residential customer.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the matter may attend one or both of the public hearings before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Ryan C. McLean, scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Hagerstown Community College
Career Programs Building, Room 131
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland

Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Cumberland Ramada, Downtown
Crown South Boardroom
100 South George Street
Cumberland, Maryland

Filings in the case can be viewed or downloaded in the electronic docket for Case No. [9480](#), on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us.

Written comments referencing Case No. [9480](#) may also be mailed (**by Thursday, July 26, 2018**) to:

Terry J. Romine, Executive Secretary
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6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor
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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities, telephone companies (land lines), certain water and sewer companies, passenger motor vehicle carriers for hire (sedans, limousines, buses, Uber, Lyft), taxicab companies (in Baltimore City and County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.

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