

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
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APPLICATION OF  
WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

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CASE NO. PUR-2024-00182

For authority to amend its Conservation and  
Ratemaking Efficiency Plan

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On October 2, 2024, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company"), pursuant to 20 VAC 5-205-10 E of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-Owned Gas Utilities ("Rate Case Rules"),<sup>1</sup> filed a Motion for Partial Waiver ("Motion"), requesting the Commission grant a partial wavier of the requirements of 20 VAC 5-205-10 J ("Rule 10 J") of the Rate Case Rules, which requires the Company to notify public officials at the same time it notifies the Commission of its intent to file certain applications, including those filed pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia,<sup>2</sup> the Natural Gas Conservation and Ratemaking Efficiency Act ("CARE Act").<sup>3</sup>

In support of its Motion, the Company states that, pursuant to 20 VAC 5-205-10 A, on September 4, 2024, WGL filed its notice of intent to file an amendment to its CARE Plan, pursuant to the CARE Act, on or after November 15, 2024 ("Notice of Intent" or "Notice").<sup>4</sup> The Company further states that, "due to an administrative oversight and lack of familiarity with the

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<sup>1</sup> 20 VAC 5-205-5 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> Va. Code § 56-600 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> Motion at 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

new Rate [Case] Rules," the Company did not serve the Notice of Intent on the public officials listed in [Rule 10 J] until September 30, 2024.<sup>5</sup> The Company states further that it does not expect to file its CARE Plan amendment for at least another 45 days following the September 30, 2024 notice and, therefore, public officials have received reasonable notice of the Company's next CARE Act filing.<sup>6</sup> As a result, the Company asserts that there is good cause to waive the requirement of Rule 10 J to notify public officials at the same time the Company files its Notice of Intent with the Commission.<sup>7</sup>

Accordingly, the Company requests that the Commission, for good cause shown, waive the requirement of Rule 10 J to serve public officials with the Company's Notice of Intent at the same time the Notice is filed with the Commission.<sup>8</sup> The Company further states that it is authorized to represent that Commission Staff does not oppose the Motion.<sup>9</sup>

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the matter, is of the opinion and finds that WGL's Motion should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2024-00182.
- (2) The Motion is granted.
- (3) WGL shall file its CARE plan amendment application in this docket.
- (4) This matter is continued.

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

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