

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. URS-2024-00213

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY,  
Defendant

ORDER OF SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to § 56-265.30 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act ("Act"), Code § 56-265.14 *et seq.* The Commission's Division of Utility and Railroad Safety ("Division"), charged with the investigation of probable violations of the Act, has completed investigations of certain incidents that occurred between October 16, 2023, and January 22, 2024, listed in Attachment A, involving Washington Gas Light Company ("Company"), the Defendant, and alleges that:

(1) During the aforementioned period, the Company violated the Code and/or Act by the following conduct:

- (a) Failing on four occasions to mark the approximate horizontal locations of the underground utility lines on the ground to within two feet of either side of the underground utility lines, in violation of Code § 56-265.19 A.
- (b) Failing on two occasions to mark the underground utility lines within the time prescribed in the Act, in violation of Code § 56-265.19 A.

As evidenced in the attached Admission and Consent document, the Company neither admits nor denies these allegations but admits to the Commission's jurisdiction and authority to enter this Order.

As an offer to settle all matters before the Commission arising from the Division's allegations made herein, the Company represents and undertakes that:

(1) The Company will pay a civil penalty to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the amount of \$3,850 to be paid contemporaneously with the entry of this Order.

(2) Any amounts paid in accordance with this Order shall not be recovered in the Company's rates as part of the cost of service. Any such amounts shall be booked in Uniform System of Accounts No. 426.3. The Company shall verify its booking by filing a copy of the journal entries made to record such amounts with the Commission's Division of Utility Accounting and Finance.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being advised by the Division and finding sufficient basis herein for the entry of this Order, accepts this settlement.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The captioned case is docketed and assigned Case No. URS-2024-00213.

(2) Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission by Code § 12.1-15, the offer of settlement made by the Company is accepted.

(3) The sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,850) tendered contemporaneously with the entry of this Order is accepted.

(4) This case is dismissed.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Kevin Murphy, Vice President of Asset Management, Engineering and GSO, Washington Gas Light Company, 6801 Industrial Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151; and a copy shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Utility and Railroad Safety and Utility Accounting and Finance.

## Attachment A - URS-2024-00213

URS Report #	Date	Address	City/County	Code(s)	Civ. Pen.
24-0575	10/16/2023	4125 North River Street	Fairfax	§ 56-265.19 A	\$800.00
24-0609	10/23/2023	201 North Manchester Street	Arlington County	§ 56-265.19 A	\$550.00
24-0627	11/9/2023	13940 Deviar Drive	Loudoun County	§ 56-265.19 A	\$600.00
24-0689	11/15/2023	2123 Grayson Place	Falls Church	§ 56-265.19 A	\$550.00
24-0694	11/22/2023	1100 Balls Hill Road	Fairfax	§ 56-265.19 A	\$550.00
24-0789	1/22/2024	1728 Kirby Road	Fairfax County	§ 56-265.19 A	\$800.00
				<b>Total : 6</b>	<b>\$3,850.00</b>

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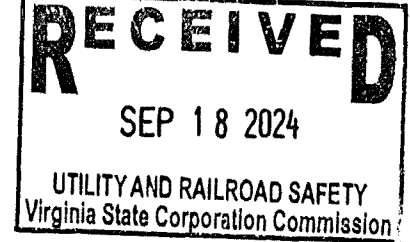
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ADMISSION AND CONSENT

The Defendant, Washington Gas Light Company, admits the jurisdiction of the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") as to the party and subject matter hereof and, without admitting or denying the allegations made herein by the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety, hereby consents to the form, substance, and entry of the foregoing Order of Settlement. The Defendant acknowledges that the Order of Settlement entered herein is a public record and is subject to review by the public.

The Defendant further states that no offer, tender, threat, or promise of any kind has been made by the Commission or by any member, officer, agent, or representative thereof in consideration of this Admission and Consent.

Washington Gas Light Company

Company Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Murphy", written over a horizontal line.

Printed Name: Kevin Murphy

Email: KMurphy@washgas.com

Date: September 6, 2024