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Virtual Public Comment Hearings Set for BGE's Rate Case

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission has scheduled two initial virtual public comment hearings on the multi-year rate plan filed in February by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. Utility customers and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the hearings on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 7 p.m.** and **Wednesday, August 23 at 7 p.m.** The Commission will schedule an additional public comment hearing at a later date.

According to BGE's application, the company proposes a combined gas and electric rate increase of \$602.4 million over three years, which it says will increase the average residential customer's bill by five percent per year. The company provides electric distribution service to more than 1.3 million customers and gas service to 700,000 customers in the greater central Maryland region, including Baltimore City and all or part of 10 surrounding counties.

To speak at a hearing, send an email to kimberly.schock@maryland.gov by 12 noon on Monday, August 7 (for the first hearing) or by 12 noon on Monday, August 21 (for the second hearing). For those who just want to watch the hearings, they will be livestreamed on the Commission's [YouTube](#) channel.

The Commission will also accept written comments (until September 29, 2023) which 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, all comments should reference **Case No. 9692**. Only one copy is necessary.

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