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Maryland PSC Opens Proceeding on BGE Gas Regulator Relocation

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission has opened a proceeding to consider the relocation of gas service regulators in the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company’s service territory. The Commission will hold a hearing on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 10 a.m.** in the Frank O. Heintz Hearing Room, 16th Floor, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, to include comments and presentations by interested persons, the Commission’s Technical Staff, the Office of People’s Counsel, and BGE as well as questions from the Commission, following which the Commission will determine what additional proceedings, if any, are needed.

Customers in BGE’s service territory have filed numerous individual complaints with the Commission’s Consumer Affairs Division and recently joined a petition in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, related to the ongoing relocation of gas service regulators from the interior to the exterior of homes.

In a notice issued today, the Commission pointed out its statutory duty to regulate gas companies to ensure their operation in the interest of the public and promote adequate, economical, and efficient delivery of services. The Commission has initiated this proceeding to allow affected stakeholders and interested persons to submit information and comments related to BGE’s relocation of regulators on issues including but not limited to:

- (1) statutory and other legal authority governing residential gas service regulator relocation;
- (2) public safety, including good engineering practices in the gas industry;
- (3) economics of the projects in accordance with state law;
- (4) termination of gas service due to lack of access to the Company’s equipment; and
- (5) BGE’s communications and response to related customer concerns and complaints regarding regulator relocation.

In addition to the hearing, members of the public may file comments in the Commission’s online Public Comment [Dropbox](#) by registering and selecting docket number 9711. Comments

can also be sent by mail to: Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, comments should reference “BGE Gas Service Regulator Relocation” and should be submitted by August 11, 2023.

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The Maryland Public Service Commission regulates electric and gas utilities and suppliers, 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, Charles County, Cumberland and Hagerstown) and bay pilot rates.