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Public Comment Hearings Set for Maryland Water Service Rate Case

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(BALTIMORE, MD) – The Maryland Public Service Commission will hold three public comment hearings on the rate increase request filed in March 2024 by Maryland Water Service, Inc. The utility's customers and other interested parties are welcome to take part in the hearings before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Chuck McLean.

According to Maryland Water Service's application, the company proposes a rate increase of nearly \$1.6 million across its five systems: the Pinto Water System and the Highland Estates Water System in Cumberland (Allegany County); the Provinces Water System in Severn (Anne Arundel County); the Green Ridge Water System in Bel Air (Harford County); and Lakeside Vista System in Joppa (Harford County).

The hearings will take place on:

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Severn Branch of the Anne Arundel County Public Library 2624 Annapolis Road in Severn (Anne Arundel County)

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cumberland-La Vale 1076 National Highway in La Vale (Allegany County)

Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Ramada by Wyndham Edgewood Hotel & Conference Center 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood (Harford County)

Barring any technical difficulties, the hearings will also have a virtual option for those unable to attend in person. To participate virtually in any of the hearings, please sign up in advance to speak by sending an email to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon the day prior. Participants will receive an email with the link to join in on the virtual platform. For those who just want to watch the livestream of the hearing, please visit the Public Utility Law Judge's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP

The Commission will also accept written comments (until August 9, 2024) which can be sent by mail or submitted electronically at https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/

Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, 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.** 9729.

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