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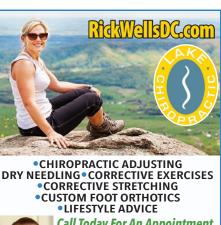
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On August 12, 2021, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or the "Company"), filed an application ("Application") pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, known as the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan (SAVE) Act (the "SAVE Act"), for (1) approval to amend and extend its SAVE Plan pursuant to the SAVE Act; and (2) for approval to implement a SAVE Plan Rider ("SAVE Rider") for calendar year 2022.

The Company requests to extend its SAVE Plan for two years (calendar years 2022 and 2023). CVA proposes that during this two-year extended term, the Company would be authorized to spend up to \$63 million on SAVE-eligible natural gas infrastructure and recover such costs through its SAVE Rider ("Phase 4 SAVE Plan") during calendar year 2022 and up to \$72 million on SAVE-eligible infrastructure during calendar year 2023. The Company requests authorization to exceed this investment by 10% on an annual basis and 10% on a cumulative basis, for a Phase 4 SAVE Plan maximum spend of \$148.5 million. The Company also requests approval to implement its 2022 SAVE Rider, which is based on a \$63 million projected SAVE-eligible capital program for 2022 and the true-up of the recovery of the actual SAVE cost of service for the calendar year 2020, in accordance with Section 20 of its General Terms and Conditions, to be effective with the first billing unit of January 2022 through the last billing unit of December 2022.

In its Application, CVA states that its SAVE Plan is a program designed to accelerate the replacement of certain components of its gas distribution system infrastructure to enhance system safety and reliability. The Company proposes to amend and extend its SAVE Plan for an additional two-year term by undertaking additional identified projects the Company expects to complete in 2022 under the proposed Phase 4 SAVE Plan; the Company states such projects will enhance safety and reliability and will positively impact the environment. CVA has proposed a total SAVE revenue requirement of \$19,756,447 which, if approved, would increase residential customers' bills by \$1.60 per month, for a total proposed monthly SAVE Rider rate of \$4.70.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting exhibits for the details of these proposals.

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The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provides interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371 9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Application may be viewed on the Commission's website or obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: T. Borden Ellis, Assistant General Counsel, and Katherine C. Creef, Senior Counsel, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive Chester, Virginia, 23836, or tbellis@nisource.com and <a href@katherine.com

On or before October 15, 2021, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Application may file comments with the Clerk of the Commission by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <u>scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments</u>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00145.

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The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

Fluco football team wins home opener over Buckingham

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

After two road losses, the Fluco football team needed a win, and they got it. The Knights from neighboring Buckingham County came to Browning Field on Friday Sept. 10 for the Flucos' home opener. The Flucos sent them home on the losing side of a 24-18 score.

Relying almost entirely on their running game, the Flucos scored 17 in the first half and never trailed. Speedy senior quarterback Kobe Edmonds scored two of the Flucos' touchdowns and powerful sophomore running back Eisryell Johnson scored the other touchdown. The Flucos kicking game was also important. Junior wide receiver and free safety Addison Patchett kicked three extra points and a field goal for six points, the winning margin. The Knights also scored three touchdowns, but all three of their attempts at two-point conversions were thwarted by the Fluco defense.

The Flucos took the game's opening kick-off, and the game began with a flurry of flags. Four penalties were called on the first five plays. The Flucos first possession ended when the Knights intercepted a long pass at their own five yard-line. A fumble put the Knights back on their own one. They were forced to punt and the Flucos took over at the Buckingham 40. Edmonds faked a pass and took off to his left for a 37-yard gain. On the next play, Edmonds took the ball into the end zone for the first score of the game, and the Flucos led the rest of the way. Patchett kicked the extra point and the Flucos led 7-0 with 5:17 left in the first guarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Flucos stopped the Knights on a fourth down, and the Flucos took over at their own 37. Edmonds again ran to the outside for big yardage, gaining 42 yards to the Buckingham 25. Senior fullback Chase Paschall ran for 12 and a first down. The drive stalled and Patchett came in to try for a field goal. His kick was good and the Flucos led 10-0

Football continues page 8.





Rudy Garcia, Chair, Fluvanna County Economic Development Authority

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device or we can provide a location in your county for you to make your pitch.

• Semi-finalists (up to 4) will be invited to present in person at QuadTank on Wednesday, October 20th.

FORMAT

Participants will be allotted a maximum of ten (10) minutes to pitch their idea or concept and five (5) minutes for Q & A with the judges.

Participants may use PowerPoint, Canva, GoogleSlides or other visual aids, or props during their pitch. Pitch visuals should be submitted to QuadTank@cvsbdc.org 48 hours prior to presentation, as a backup, in case there are issues with technology

For all details on the 2020 Summit and QuadTank competition, go to https://www. qcbsummit.com/

The competition is part of the 6th annual Quad County Business Summit will bring together businesses from the counties of Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Orange. Learn more at https://cvsbdc.org/event/ quad-county-business-summit-quadtankpitch-competition/

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Debt service coverage. Do you have enough cash to adequately handle principal and interest payments? Calculate your cash flow to ensure you can handle both current and future monthly loan payments.

Projected revenue. Take a look at your income statements and see how your revenue has performed so far this year versus what you thought your revenue was going to be. If revenue varies from what you expect, get with your sales and marketing team to pinpoint what has gone better, or worse, than expected.

Projected expenses. Put a stop to disappearing cash by conducting a variance analysis of your expenses. What did you expect to spend so far in 2021 on salaries and wages compared to what you actually paid your employees? What about other big expenses like rent or insurance? Take the amount of money actually spent so far in 2021 in each of your major expense accounts and compare it to your spending forecast. Then create an updated forecast for the balance of the year.

Plan to take manage your time! Meetings, phone calls, emails, text messages, and water cooler conversations with your employees constantly bombard you as a business owner. Freeing up even just another 15 minutes a day could dramatically improve both your workflow and peace of mind.

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your phone instead of an email. Oftentimes talking with someone directly is more efficient than spending the time to compose an email. Using the phone can also help avoid potential misunderstandings, as a person's tone of voice conveys information that may be lost or misinterpreted when shared via a written message.

Be brief with emails. Tech entrepreneurs Mark Cuban and Jeff Bezos are known for their brief emails that consist of only a couple words. In situations where you do use email, consider crafting a response that is only several words in length. And remember the golden rule of emails: send fewer emails to receive fewer emails.

Plan your meetings. Face-to-face time with colleagues, vendors, and customers is often productive and essential for growing a business. On the other hand, meetings can be a huge waste of time if not properly planned. Establish clear goals for a meeting in advance so your team can focus on priorities and get back to work.

Minimize distractions. Business owners enjoy developing a rapport with their employees. These personal conversations, however, need to have boundaries so that both you and your employee can stay on task. Tell your team if there's a day you don't have time for small talk. Consider putting an oldfashioned Do Not Disturb sign on your door when you need to get things done.

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A recent school board meeting continued late into the night with passionate comments from community members and one notable outsider. Carrying on with some of the mis-information talking points being spread by some, there were impassioned pleas made that can cynically be summed up as: Personal choice over the safety and well-being of our children; Encouraging the school administration and teachers to break

the law with regard to the use of bathrooms by transgender youth while labeling those youths as potential rapists, and faux outrage over critical race theory which is not part of the K-12 curriculum in Virginia but rather a blue print and framework to address the role of race and racism in our society.

All three of these messages are part of the legacy of certain national elements that attempt to demonize and label the actions by our school board as "liberal elitist control of our schools and our children's future." These messages have

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Letters to the editor

Political shenanigans in our schools

the stated goal of driving a wedge among suburban voters and especially women. A key demographic segment that voted almost two to one for Biden and certainly affected Republican down ballot tickets. They have not until recently been a part of the politics of Fluvanna County.

Sadly, a sitting school board member worked to stoke up fear in our community to enhance his standing in certain political circles and to promote and lobby for an individual with no ties to the schools, no experience in local government whose reason for running seems to be to support the talking points mentioned above.

Local elections should be about local issues, not party politics. In fact, school board candidates must run as independents. Protecting, fostering critical thinking and providing quality education to our children, by default, should be among the top priorities of educators and local officials. Risking children's health for political points under the guise of freedom of choice, asking our schoolteachers and

Eric Anderson is best candidate

and good citizenship. We also must provide our children with a strong level of technological skill to enable them to adapt to the constant advances in technology and enable them to thrive and succeed in an increasingly technological environment.

Eric Anderson, with his background in education and engineering, is the best choice to prepare our children for a successful future. He values education and values the contribution that dedicated teachers administrators to break the law, preemptively closing debate on educational scholarship, and driving political partisanship do not bode well for the future of our schools. That is not what the School Board needs as they move forward with leading our school system in the years to come.

This coming election can truly shape the direction of the schools over the next four years. A lot of progress has been made over the past 10 years, and under the leadership of the new school superintendent Peter Gretz, far more can be done so long as we have Supervisors and School Board members committed to the children and not to their political careers. The schools need our support and we need school board representatives that are committed to moving the school board back to its former position as a governing body that values collaboration and civil discourse over conflict and falsehoods.

Tony O'Brien, Lake Monticello. (O'Brien is a member of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors.)

make in educating our children. He values traditional teaching practices but also knows the advantages of using technology in education where its fits best. He wants our children to receive the education they require in order to be successful students and become successful adults. Eric Anderson is therefore the best candidate for the School Board seat in Cunningham District.

-Jan and Carylon Pavlacka, Palmyra

In response to the letter by Marvin Moss, I would suggest that he go to the CDC website for some facts.

On the CDC website, it is to be noted that, in April, the CDC stopped collecting data on "breakthrough" cases of COVID (those are folks who have been fully vaccinated and then get a COVID infection) unless these breakthrough cases

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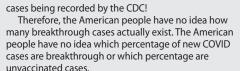
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Letters to the editor

Too late to worry about development

Citizens in the Lake Monticello area of Fluvanna County have voiced concerns regarding proposed rezoning and development. The acronym NIMBY (not in my back yard) fits this situation perfectly. According to the website, worldpopulationreview.com, the population of Fluvanna in 1900 was 9,050 and and barely fluctuated throughout the years. In 1970 the Fluvanna population was 7,621. It was during this time that Lake Monticello was promoted in newspapers and magazines in New

York. Fluvanna was advertised as a peaceful, rural community with lower taxes. Developers flocked to the area like buzzards on roadkill and sliced and diced Fluvanna into numerous subdivisions. From 1980 - 2021 the population has grown from 10,244 to 28,014. Fluvanna currently has a higher tax rate than most of our neighboring counties, it is no longer rural or peaceful. It's a little late to worry about the growing growth and development. -Paula Aldridge, Scottsville

Stewart supports Murray-Key

It has been an honor to serve on the Fluvanna School Board since 2018, representing the Rivanna District, which is comprised of most of the residents of Lake Monticello. With four other elected school board members, we oversee the fiscal resources of the school, hire and supervise the Superintendent, and set policy. This has been a difficult time for school boards throughout the country, given the strong feelings about how we should respond to the pandemic and the mental health and safety of our students.

I believe that effective school board members need to come prepared to school board meetings, listen, and consider differing perspectives. They need to focus on educational issues that affect students and not engage in raising issues designed to create fear and division, which has been occurring at our most recent meetings. Board members need to understand the impact their decisions have on staff, students, families, as well as our community's future. I have served as a moderate, collaborative voice on the current board, and I believe Gequetta Murray-Key shares this same approach to consensus building. Gequetta Murray-Key is well suited to take on

these responsibilities. As vice-chair of the Fluvanna Planning Commission, she collaborates with the team about our county's future needs. She has invested countless hours to support our families and staff through her work with Parent-Teacher organizations. As a parent coach, her work with struggling families shows her willingness to help those in need build a future for their families. As a parent of a Fluvanna graduate and current student, she understands what it takes for parents to raise children in our county. As an educator at PVCC, she has experience in impacting the future of her students.

I am excited to endorse her candidacy for the Rivanna seat on the Fluvanna School Board. Through her career in criminal justice, she understands the need to support an appropriate education for all students, and the cost to the community when we fail to do so. She is committed to the future of our county. Rivanna voters, please support Gequetta Murray-Key on Nov. 2 or vote early starting Sept. 17 at the Registrar's office. Shirley Stewart, Lake Monticello (Stewart is retiring as a member of the School Board representing the Rivanna District.)

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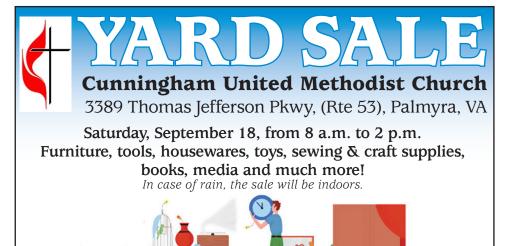


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Football from page 5.

with 7:13 left in the half. The Knights immediately responded. A strong kick return gave them the ball at mid-field. In four plays they were in the end zone. A run for two points failed and the score was 10-6 with 5:50 left in the half.

With Johnson doing most of the running, the Flucos marched steadily down the field, burning up clock as they did so. With 53 seconds remaining, Johnson powered his way into the end zone from the five for the Flucos' second touchdown. Patchett's kick was good and the Flucos led 17-6 at the half.

The second half began with the Knights driving for their second score. Helped again by a strong kick-off return. Starting at the Fluco 43, Buckingham needed only five runs to put the ball in the end zone. Their two point extra point try failed. And the score was 17-12 with 8:51 remaining in the third quarter. The rest of the third quarter was scoreless.

A crucial play came early in the fourth quarter. Buckingham was on the march, but Edmonds knocked down the only pass the Knights tried all game and a delay of game penalty hurt the Knights. They faced a fourth down and seven at the Fluco 31. A running play came up short as the Fluco defense did its job, holding the Knights to a four yard gain, and giving the ball back to Edmonds and the offense with 10:33 remaining. With Edmonds and Johnson doing most of the work, the Flucos again marched down field on the ground, grinding up the clock as they did so. With third down at the one-yard line Edmonds tried a quarterback sneak. It looked like he was stopped for no gain but he backed up a step and slid to his left and into the end zone. The Knights got a hand on the extra point attempt, but it still had enough velocity to get through the uprights. The Flucos led by twelve, 24-12 with only 2:52 left in the game.

The Flucos went with a squib kick-off and the Knights started at their own 43. They went 57 yards in three running plays and their extra point try failed, making the score 24-18 with 1:32 left in the game. The Knights' on-side kick was recovered by Fluco senior offensive lineman Grant Brown, and the Flucos were able to run out the clock for the win.

After the game, Fluco Head Coach Michael Morris praised the blocking of senior tight end Austin Moore and senior offensive tackle Matthew Panas.

The Flucos have their bye week on Sept. 17. They travel to Louisa on Sept. 24. On Oct. 1 and 8, they will be at home against Goochland County and Monticello High.

Board passes transgender treatment policy

BY RUTHANN CARR CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County School Board passed a Transgender Treatment Policy at the meeting Wednesday (Sept. 8).

The vote was 3-2 with James Kelley (Palmyra), Perrie Johnson (Fork Union), and Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) voting for and Andrew Pullen (Columbia) and Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) voting against.

Upon presenting the policy, Superintendent Peter Gretz noted most of Fluvanna's policies are in compliance with those set out by the Virginia School Board Association. Gretz suggested adding a notation to VSBA policies showing where Fluvanna policies comply.

The Transgender Treatment Policy can be found at https://tinyurl.com/7v4hyzrb.

Lack of bus drivers

Far fewer came to the meeting and spoke during public comments than at the August meeting.

Jessica Farmer, a school bus driver, talked about the lack of bus drivers and suggested ways to bolster low morale among current bus drivers.

Many have to drive two or more routes, Farmer said. She suggested retention bonuses and monthly recognitions.

Gretz said the district had been down five drivers, brought in two recently and have "three in the que."

COVID funds for reimbursement

Nate Johnson, a teacher, said moving here 25 years ago has been, "the best part of my life."

Johnson said his spiritual walk is im-

portant to him.

"I have to be responsible for what God has shown me," he said, adding that teaching social issues isn't the School Board's job.

Johnson said he decided to pull his children from the public schools and put them in a private school.

"When will you compensate me for doing what's best for my child?" Johnson asked.

During the August meeting Pullen asked about using COVID funds to reimburse families for expenses incurred – such as counseling, tutoring help, technical support, private schooling or loss of a job - due to COVID.

Superintendent Peter Gretz asked the Department of Education who said, "no."

Pullen said he wasn't just talking about COVID money given to schools, but to governments. As the discussion ensued, Kelley, Stewart and Johnson said they didn't agree with the concept. The Board did not take a vote on Pullen's suggestion.

During public comments, one parent talked about how a parent is contacted when their child has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 and what constitutes close contact.

CDC Guidelines specifies close contact as "within six feet for a total of 15 minutes or more" whether either party wore a mask.

Pullen suggested using COVID-19 funds to hire a contact tracer for the schools to relieve nurses and counselors of that duty.

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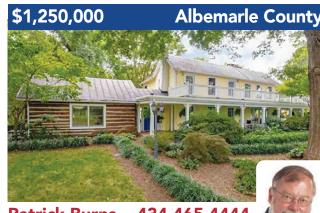
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BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT

The 45-minute ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11, was well attended and opened with LMFD Fire Chief Rich Constantino addressing the audience and reminding them why it was so important to remember those who perished on 9/11. It was a somber remembrance and tribute not only to those who lost their lives in the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon, and the United Airlines flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, but it was also about remembering those who were still feeling the effects long after.

Of the 105,000 responders and survi-

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vors, more than 24,000 are still receiving ongoing medical treatment for cancer-related and respiratory illnesses and over 3,946 have died of illnesses linked with the 9/11 tragedy.

"They say we should get over it but that is a slap in the face to the police officers and firemen who gave their lives that day," he said. "We must always remember and never forget."

Others who spoke briefly were LMRS Chief Eddie Shifflett and LMWRS Chief John Lye. Supervisor Tony O'Brien spoke, recalling where he was at the moment he

heard about the tragedy. Lake Monticello General Manager Steve Hurwitz said a few words as did Lake Monticello Board President Larry Henson, who stood with board members Jeff Spinello, Nicole Hawker, and Judy Fish. Henson delivered a stirring message, ending with the profound statement, "Never take one minute of your life for granted." Also, in attendance was Sheriff Eric Hess.

They also honored those still living who had given many years of volunteer service to LMFR. The ceremony ended with Chief Constantino thanking the community for its support and prayers for those who died and for those still living. The last sounds heard were haunting, the tolling of the bell, signifying "the last call" and a siren.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A SYSTEM EXPANSION PLAN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 28 OF TITLE 56 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2021-00144

On August 9, 2021, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or the "Company"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-610 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia, an application ("Second Application to Amend") to amend the Company's System Expansion Plan (or "Plan") approved by the Commission on February 19, 2016, in Case No. PUE-2015-00056 ("Original Approval Order"). The Plan is a natural gas infrastructure expansion plan designed to deliver natural gas service to customers located in unserved areas within the Company's service territory by providing an alternative method of collecting the uneconomic portion of the investment related to infrastructure expansion projects ("eligible expansion investment" or "EEI") from the beneficiaries of the investments ("Affected Customers") through a fixed monthly rider (the "MAIN Rider").

In its Second Application to Amend, the Company states that it provides natural gas service to over 279,000 customers in Central and Southern Virginia, the Piedmont region, and most of the Shenandoah Valley, as well as portions of Northern and Western Virginia and the Hampton Roads region. The Company further states that, in the Original Approval Order, the Commission authorized a maximum level of investment of approximately \$3.57 million with the ability to exceed this amount by no more than 10% over the Plan's five-year investment period. The Company also states that the Original Approval Order established the MAIN Rider at \$6.63 per month to recover the eligible system expansion infrastructure costs ("Plan Cost of Service") associated with the EEI.

In December 2020 in Case No. PUR-2020-00149, the Commission approved the Company's first application to amend the Plan as needed to complete 71 existing projects con-tributing EEI to the Plan and to recover the related costs from Affected Customers ("Amendment Order"). In the Amendment Order, the Commission approved only the first step of the Company's proposed two-step increase to the MAIN Rider. The Company states that, in the Amendment Order, the Commission approved the Company's request to (1) increase the maximum level of investment under the Plan to \$5.1 million; (2) increase the estimated Plan Cost of Service from \$8,476,655 to \$9,503,506; (3) increase the MAIN Rider from \$6.63 to \$8.63 effective January 1, 2021; and (4) decrease the projected Affected Customers from 5,319 to 3,301. The Amendment Order denied the Company's request for a second step increase in the MAIN Rider and directed the Company to file additional information in support of any future request to increase the MAIN Rider.

The Company states that the existing MAIN Rider is not sufficient for the Company to recover the Plan Cost of Service. In its Second Application to Amend, CVA is requesting: (1) an increase in the MAIN Rider from \$8.63 to \$10.94 effective December 30, 2021, which is the first billing unit of January 2022; (2) a decrease to the Plan Cost of Service from \$9,503,506 to \$8,816,951; and (3) an increase in projected Affected Customers from 3,301 to 3,437.

The Company also requests that the Commission approve the associated amendments to the Company's Terms and Conditions. CVA states that, as of May 31, 2021, MAIN Rider revenues have been less than Plan costs by \$267,944. CVA also states that it does not currently project a need for any other future bill increases.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Second Application to Amend. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Second Application to Amend and supporting exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment or request a hearing on the Company's Second Application to Amend.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Second Application to Amend may be viewed on the Commission's website or obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: T. Borden Ellis, Assistant General Counsel and Katherine C. Creef, Senior Counsel, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive Chester, Virginia, 23836, or tbellis@nisource.com and kcreef@nisource.com.

On or before October 8, 2021, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Second Application to Amend may file written comments with the Clerk of the Com-mission by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <u>scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit Public Comments</u>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file com-ments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00144.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation, on or before October 8, 2021, with the Clerk of the Commission at: <u>scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/</u>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00144. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment.

On or before October 8, 2021, any interested person or entity may file, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above or <u>scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/</u>, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, a request for hearing on the Second Application to Amend. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a request for hearing electronically may file such request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Any request for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00144, shall include the email address of the filer or its counsel, if available, and shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

A copy of any notices of participation and requests for hearing simultaneously shall be sent to counsel for the Company electronically at the email address set forth above.

The Second Application to Amend, the Order for Notice and Comment, and the Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case Information.

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