

# Legal Notice

## **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A 2023 SAVE RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ITS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CASE NO. PUR-2022-00126**

August 15, 2022, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. (“CVA” or the “Company”), filed an application (“Application”) in accordance with Section 20 of its General Terms and Conditions, as contemplated in the Commission’s November 28, 2011 Order Approving Steps to Advance Virginia’s Energy Plan (“SAVE”) Act SAVE Plan and Rider in Case No. PUE-2011-00049 and as most recently modified in Case No. PUR-2021-00145, for approval to implement a SAVE Rider for calendar year 2023.

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. CVA has proposed a 2021 True-Up Factor of (\$452,523) and a 2023 Projected Factor of \$5,067,295, for a total proposed SAVE revenue requirement of \$4,614,772. As proposed, the 2023 SAVE Rider would decrease residential customers’ bills by \$2.62 per month, for a total proposed monthly SAVE Rider rate of \$1.09.

The Company asserts that in its pending base rate filing (Case No. PUR-2022-00036) (“2022 Rate Case”), CVA requested Commission authorization to implement its proposed rates in that case, on an interim basis, for service rendered on and after the first billing unit of October 2022. According to the Company, the rates and charges proposed in the 2022 Rate Case will include recovery of costs associated with all SAVE in-service plant made through September 30, 2022, and excludes anticipated SAVE-related expenditures from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Consistent with the Company’s 2022 Rate Case filing, CVA requests recovery in this proceeding of SAVE-related costs post September 30, 2022, including SAVE-related investment; the SAVE-related CWIP balance at September 30, 2022; and any SAVE related revenue requirement not recovered in base rates in the SAVE Rider proposed to be effective the first billing unit of January 2023. The Projected Factor will be set to zero concurrent with the implementation of CVA’s rate case interim base rates effective the first billing unit of October 2022.

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.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company’s Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

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 [bellis@nsource.com](mailto:bellis@nsource.com) and [kcreef@nsource.com](mailto:kcreef@nsource.com).

On or before October 4, 2022, 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: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). 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-2022-00126.

On or before October 4, 2022, any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/). 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-2022-00126.

On or before October 4, 2022, any interested person or entity may file a written request for a hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above or at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/) and the interested person simultaneously shall serve a copy of the hearing request on counsel to the Company. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party’s interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00126.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Rules of Practice.

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](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.