

Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.,
FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND AND EXTEND ITS SAVE PLAN PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-604, AND
FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A 2024 SAVE RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ITS GENERAL TERMS
AND CONDITIONS CASE NO. PUR-2023-00119**

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On August 15, 2023, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. (“CVA” or “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 (“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 Rider for calendar year 2024, inclusive of the costs associated with the Company’s Advanced Leak Detection and Repair Program (“Advanced LDAR Program”).

The Company requests to extend its SAVE Plan for three years (calendar years 2024 through 2026) (“Phase 5 SAVE Plan”). CVA proposes that during this three-year extended term, the Company would be authorized to spend up to \$69 million in 2024, \$67 million in 2025, and \$73 million in 2026 for a total of \$209 million. The Company requests authorization to exceed this investment by 10% on an annual basis and 10% on a cumulative basis, for a Phase 5 SAVE Plan maximum spend of \$229.9 million. CVA further requests authorization to include costs associated with its Advanced LDAR Program in its Phase 5 SAVE Plan. The Company also requests approval to implement its 2024 SAVE Rider, which is based on a \$69 million projected SAVE eligible capital program for 2024, deferred 2022 and projected 2024 costs associated with the Company’s Advanced LDAR Program, and the true-up of the recovery of the actual SAVE cost of service for the calendar year 2022, to be effective with the first billing unit of January 2024 through the last billing unit of December 2024.

CVA has proposed a 2022 True-Up Factor credit of \$535,548 and a 2024 Projected Factor of \$12,419,565, for a total proposed SAVE revenue requirement of \$11,884,017. As proposed, the 2024 SAVE Rider would increase residential customers’ bills by \$1.77 per month, for a total proposed monthly SAVE Rider rate of \$2.73.

Further details are set forth in the Company’s Application and supporting exhibits, and interested persons are encouraged to review these documents.

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 provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company’s Application.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall 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.

An electronic copy of the Company’s Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: T. Borden Ellis, Assistant General Counsel, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836, tbellis@nisource.com.

On or before October 11, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit 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-2023-00119.

On or before October 11, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at 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. A copy thereof also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s 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-2023-00119.

On or before October 11, 2023, any interested person or entity may file with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, a request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company’s Application. 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. Such request for hearing shall include the email address of the filer or its counsel, if available. A copy thereof also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Requests for hearing must 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-2023-00119.

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 Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Company’s Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission’s Rules of Practice, and the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed on the Commission’s website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.