

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A
NEW RATE SCHEDULE RNG AND TARIFF PURSUANT TO
§ 56-236 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00159

On September 7, 2023, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. (“CVA” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) pursuant to § 56-236 of the Code of Virginia. CVA’s Application seeks approval of its proposed Rate Schedule RNG: Renewable Natural Gas Receipt Service (“Rate Schedule RNG”). Specifically, the Company proposes Rate Schedule RNG to allow renewable natural gas (“RNG”) producers (“RNG Producers”) to interconnect with CVA’s distribution system and deliver RNG into CVA’s system, and allow CVA to recover the costs associated with such interconnection(s) from RNG Producers. The Company states the rate for Rate Schedule RNG service will be unique to each of the RNG Producers who enter into an agreement for service under the proposed tariff. CVA states that the rate will be based upon the cost of service associated to the Company’s facilities required to make the interconnection and service available.

In support of its Application, the Company states that it has been approached by potential RNG Producers who have expressed an interest in connecting their facilities to CVA’s distribution system and delivering RNG to the Company. The Company asserts that the proposed Rate Schedule RNG enables CVA to recover the costs associated with such interconnections from the RNG Producers, and not from CVA’s general body of customers. The Application states that service under Rate Schedule RNG will be available to RNG Producers in CVA’s certificated territory who enter into a Facilities Interconnect Agreement with CVA for an interconnection to deliver RNG to CVA for CVA’s system supply. The Facilities Interconnect Agreement will specify the terms and conditions of the interconnection of the RNG Producer’s facilities to the Company’s facilities including the cost thereof.

CVA requests that the Commission find Rate Schedule RNG to be in the public interest because, according to the Company, it allows RNG Producers to interconnect with CVA’s system and thus the ability to provide RNG, a low to zero carbon fuel, to CVA’s customers. CVA states that the use of RNG will reduce the carbon emissions of CVA’s customers. The Company further states that RNG interconnection service also provides an opportunity for further development and investment in RNG production with its related environmental and economic benefits. In addition, the Company notes that it has the potential to provide additional supply to CVA.

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

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates and terms and conditions that differ from those appearing in the Company’s 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 and Staff in this proceeding. 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 obtained, at no charge, 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, or tbellis@nsource.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before December 13, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions 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-2023-00159.

On or before December 13, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission 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 of the notice of participation also must also 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 and Procedure (“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-2023-00159.

On or before December 13, 2023, any interested person may request that the Commission convene a hearing in this matter by filing a request for hearing electronically via scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a 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 addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the request for hearing also must also be sent to counsel for 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 filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00159.

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.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.