

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., TO AMEND AND EXTEND ITS NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION AND RATEMAKING EFFICIENCY PLAN CASE NO. PUR-2024-00025

On May 22, 2024, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or the "Company") filed an application ("Application"), pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 56 (Code §§ 56-600 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), for approval to amend and extend its Conservation and Ratemaking Efficiency Plan ("CARE Plan"). According to the Company, its current CARE Plan includes a portfolio of programs that promote conservation and energy efficiency among CVA's residential customers and a decoupling mechanism that adjusts actual non-gas distribution revenues per customer to the allowed distribution revenues previously approved by the Commission. In its Application, the Company proposes to extend its CARE Plan, along with certain modifications and amendments, for an additional three-year period, from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027 ("Amended Care Plan").

The proposed Amended CARE Plan includes five conservation and energy efficiency programs and 43 measures. According to the Application, the Amended CARE Plan as proposed, maintains the general structure of the current CARE Plan while adding a new Residential New Construction Program. According to the Application, the Amended Care Plan consists of the following conservation and energy efficiency programs:

- (1) Web-Based Home Audit Program;
- (2) Home Savings Program;
- (3) Residential New Construction Program;
- (4) Residential Income and Age Qualifying Program; and
- (5) Home Energy Report Program.

The Company expects to invest \$7 million over the three years of the Amended CARE Plan. According to the Company, proposed Phase 6 is designed to recover the incremental costs associated with its conservation and energy efficiency programs, as incurred, by means of a surcharge mechanism described in Section 12.4 of the Company's General Terms and Conditions; specifically, the CARE Program Adjustment ("CPA"). The Amended Plan's CPA will cost the average residential customer, using 62.2 dekatherms annually, approximately \$8.46 in 2025, which represents an increase of \$4.04 from the 2024 CPA cost for an average residential customer of \$4.42.

In its Application, CVA requests authority to implement the CPA effective with the first billing unit for the Company's January 2025 billing cycle (*i.e.*, December 31, 2024). The Company's proposed Amended CARE Plan also includes a performance-based incentive mechanism and a decoupling mechanism.

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 apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates 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 the timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to 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, Esq., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia, 23836, or [tbellis@nisource.com](mailto:tbellis@nisource.com). Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Application and other documents from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

On or before July 18, 2024, 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](http://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-2024-00025.

On or before July 18, 2024, 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](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 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-2024-00025. 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 July 18, 2024, 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](http://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. 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-2024-00025.

A copy of any notices of participation and requests for hearing shall be sent to counsel for the Company at the address listed above.

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).