

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A 2025 SAVE RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ITS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS CASE NO. PUR-2024-00103

On August 23, 2024, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or the "Company") completed the filing of an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), known as the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan (SAVE) Act, for approval to implement a SAVE Rider for calendar year 2025 ("2025 SAVE Rider"). Pursuant to Code § 56-604 E, the Commission must issue an order approving or denying the proposed 2025 SAVE Rider adjustment within 90 days of the filing of a complete application.

CVA represents 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 states that the Commission approved the Company's Phase 5 SAVE Plan subject to Staff's recommendations. CVA represents that its 2025 SAVE Rider is billed as a fixed charge each month and is designed to recover "eligible infrastructure replacement costs" as defined in Code § 56-603.

CVA states that it has separately filed for approval of a base rate case ("2024 Rate Case Application") in which the Company requested, and was granted, Commission authorization to implement its proposed base rates on an interim basis for service rendered on and after the first billing unit of October 2024. The Company represents that rates and charges proposed in the 2024 Rate Case Application will include recovery of costs associated with all SAVE in-service plant expenditures made through September 30, 2024, and excludes anticipated SAVE-related expenditures from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. As a result, the Company represents that the SAVE Projected Factor will be set to zero concurrent with the implementation of interim base rates effective the first billing unit of October 2024.

In this proceeding, CVA requests recovery of SAVE-related costs incurred after September 30, 2024, including SAVE-related investment; the SAVE-related construction work in-progress balance at September 30, 2024; and any SAVE-related revenue requirement not recovered in base rates. CVA proposes the 2025 SAVE Rider to be effective the first billing unit of January 2025.

The Company further states that the proposed 2025 SAVE Rider comprises two components, a Projected Factor and a True-Up Factor. CVA states that it is requesting a True-Up Factor revenue requirement is \$2,077,775, and a Projected Factor revenue requirement is \$6,028,485, for a total 2025 SAVE Rider revenue requirement of \$8,106,261. According to the Application, the 2025 SAVE Rider rate calculations are based on a \$73.7 million projected SAVE eligible capital program for 2025; projected 2025 costs associated with the Company's Advanced Leak Detection and Repair Program; and the true-up of the recovery of the actual SAVE cost of service for the calendar year 2023. The Application notes that the Company used the same methodology as approved in Case No. PUR-2023-00119 to allocate the SAVE Plan cost of service to determine the projected rate applicable to each rate schedule. The Company states that the proposed 2025 SAVE Rider will reduce the annual bill for an average residential customer using 64.9 dekatherms per year by \$10.68, a 0.9% decrease, when compared to the rates in effect on June 29, 2024.

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

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), the Commission has directed that service on parties and 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, Esquire, and Victoria L. Howell, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836, or tbellis@nisource.com; victoriahowell@nisource.com.

On or before October 15, 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. 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-2024-00103.

On or before October 15, 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. 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-2024-00103. 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 15, 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. 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-2024-00103.

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

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.