

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF FILING            )  
OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION        )  
FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO RATE           )       PSC DOCKET NO. 15-0708  
SCHEDULE "NGV" OF ITS DELAWARE            )  
TARIFF (FILED FEBRUARY 13, 2015)           )

**ORDER NO. 8714**

**AND NOW**, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") determines and orders the following:

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2015, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake") filed with the Commission an application ("Application") seeking approval to change the price it charges for compressed natural gas ("CNG") under Rate Schedule "NGV" - Natural Gas Vehicle Service ("Rate Schedule 'NGV'"), which is found at Sheet No. 34 of its Delaware Division tariff; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesapeake's Rate Schedule "NGV" presently sets its price per Ccf of CNG at the Ccf-equivalent price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline at self-service pumps as published by the Energy Information Administration;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Chesapeake believes that the CNG market for natural gas vehicles has significantly expanded nationally and in the region (Application, ¶6); and

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission first approved Chesapeake's Rate Schedule "NGV" in PSC Docket No. 95-73 via Order No. 4400 (February 4, 1997). At that time the CNG price was set at the equivalent price of unleaded regular gasoline as published by the American Automobile Association. The next revision to the Rate Schedule "NGV" was made in PSC Docket No. 01-307 via Order No. 5932 (April 16, 2002). In that docket, the Commission changed the reference from AAA to the Energy Information Administration, which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy.

**WHEREAS**, Chesapeake proposes to change how it establishes pricing of CNG for natural gas vehicle service by setting its CNG price at the average CNG price for natural gas vehicles in the central Atlantic region rather than at the equivalent price per gallon of gasoline (Application, ¶4); and

**WHEREAS**, Chesapeake proposes to utilize the quarterly Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report ("DOE Price Report") published by the U.S. Department of Energy which calculates the average CNG price for the Central Atlantic region based on 97 data points in the region (Application, ¶6);<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Chesapeake has requested that the Commission schedule this matter for a hearing at a regularly-scheduled Commission meeting, that the Commission approve the proposed revisions to the Rate Schedule "NGV" as set forth in Chesapeake's Delaware Division tariff, and that the proposed changes take effect on April 14, 2015;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
OF NO FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), the changes to the Rate Schedule "NGV" as proposed by Chesapeake in its Application are hereby suspended pending further order of the Commission, except as pursuant to law and then only to the extent such law or further Commission order may permit or allow.

2. The Commission will consider the proposed changes to the Rate Schedule "NGV" at an evidentiary hearing to be held at the

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<sup>2</sup> See the Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report, October 2014, p. 5, at [http://www.afdc.energy.gov/uploads/publication/alternative\\_fuel\\_price\\_report\\_oct\\_2014.pdf](http://www.afdc.energy.gov/uploads/publication/alternative_fuel_price_report_oct_2014.pdf).

Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

3. Chesapeake shall cause a copy of the public notice attached as **Exhibit "A"** to be sent by first-class, United States Postal Service mail, postage prepaid, to each customer who would be affected by its proposed changes to the Rate Schedule "NGV." Chesapeake shall mail such notices **on or before March 10, 2015**. Chesapeake shall thereafter file with the Commission, as soon as practicable but no later than the evidentiary hearing schedule for this matter, an affidavit of certification of such mailing which lists the names and addresses of the persons so served.

4. Chesapeake is hereby advised that the cost of this proceeding will be charged to it under the provisions of 26 Del. C. §114(b) (1).

5. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such other or further orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Donna Nickerson  
Acting Secretary

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P U B L I C N O T I C E

**TO: ALL NATURAL GAS VEHICLE CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

On February 13, 2015, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application requesting permission to change the price it charges for compressed natural gas ("CNG") under Rate Schedule "NGV" - Natural Gas Vehicle Service ("Rate Schedule 'NGV'"). Under the existing Rate Schedule "NGV," the Company sets the price of CNG at the equivalent price of unleaded regular gasoline as published by the Energy Information Administration. Under its proposed revision to the Rate Schedule "NGV," the Company would set the price for CNG at the average CNG price in the Central Atlantic region, as published by the U.S. Department of Energy in its quarterly Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report.

The Company is requesting that the proposed changes be effective on April 14, 2015.

On March 3, 2015, the Commission suspended the proposed changes to the Rate Schedule "NGV" until further order of the Commission. The Commission will consider whether to grant Chesapeake's request to

implement these rate schedule changes at an evidentiary hearing to be held at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, commencing at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commission's office located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. The Commission will render a decision based upon the evidence presented to it at this evidentiary hearing.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a written petition asking for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-2.9) **on or before Friday, March 20, 2015**. All such petitions should be e-filed according to the Commission's Rules (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-1.6.4). Petitions filed after the deadline of March 20, 2015, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you wish, you may file written comments concerning this application **on or before Friday, March 27, 2015**. Any written comments should be filed with the Commission at its Dover address set forth above or by Internet e-mail addressed to [jason.r.smith@state.de.us](mailto:jason.r.smith@state.de.us).

You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's file management system, and by searching for PSC Docket No. 15-0708.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Jason Smith at [jason.r.smith@state.de.us](mailto:jason.r.smith@state.de.us) to arrange a time for your review. You may also review copies of

Chesapeake's application and supporting documents at either of the offices of the Division of the Public Advocate: 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901; or 820 N. French Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801. Please call (302) 241-2555 (Dover) or (302) 577-5078 (Wilmington) to arrange for a time to review the documents at those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <http://depsc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to [jason.r.smith@state.de.us](mailto:jason.r.smith@state.de.us).