

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION)
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN ITS)
NATURAL GAS RATES AND FOR APPROVAL) PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1734
OF CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES TO ITS)
NATURAL GAS TARIFF)
(FILED DECEMBER 21, 2015))

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS

TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION:

A Hearing Examiner of the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct public comment sessions concerning the above-captioned case (as further explained below) at the following times and locations:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
6:00 p.m.	Tuesday May 17, 2016	Public Comment Session	Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building Dover, DE 19904
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday May 18, 2016	Public Comment Session	Middletown High School Auditorium 120 Silver Lake Road Middletown, DE 19709
6:00 p.m.	Thursday May 19, 2016	Public Comment Session	Amvets Post 2 32592 Long Neck Road Millsboro, DE 19966

On December 21, 2015, the Delaware Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Commission an application for an increase in natural gas rates, to implement proposed new service offerings, to defer certain expenses for later recovery, to implement a revenue normalization mechanism for

residential and smaller commercial customers, and to effect miscellaneous tariff changes.

In its application, Chesapeake seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$4,741,823, or an increase of 9.96% over current revenues.

Proposed Increase

<u>Service Classification</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	
	Dollar amounts	Percentage
RS-1	\$ 359,321	30.68
ERS-1	\$ 5,007	11.25
RS-2	\$3,791,018	12.33
ERS-2	\$ 23,402	4.96
GS	\$ 437,942	13.32
EGS	\$ 551	2.70
MVS	\$ 123,340	4.38
EMVS	\$ 408	3.86
LVS	\$ (2,200)	-0.06
HLFS	\$ (4,274)	-0.11
GLR	\$ 298	33.67
NCR	\$ 7,001	4.67
ITS	\$ 0	N/A
NGV	\$ 0	N/A
Total	\$4,741,823	9.96%

On January 19, 2016, in Order No. 8848, the Commission, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed new rates, tariff revisions and other requested relief pending further investigation and evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. However, in Order No. 8848 the Commission authorized Chesapeake to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect subject to refund, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(c), sixty

(60) days after the initial December 21, 2015 filing date, or on February 19, 2016.

Public comment sessions are for the purpose of receiving statements from Chesapeake's customers and members of the public concerning the services being provided, the proposed rates, and other matters that are the subject of this rate case. Anyone who plans to attend a public comment session is cautioned to consult the Commission's website on the day of the respective session for cancellation or changes to the time, place or date of the event. People who wish to comment on the Company's service quality or would like to share their experiences regarding the Company's services, but who are unable to attend one of the public comment sessions, may file written comments with the Commission **no later than May 31, 2016**. Please file such written comments by visiting the Commission's file management system (called "DelaFile") located at <http://delafile.delaware.gov> and by searching for Docket No. 15-1734. If you are unable to file written comments using DelaFile, you may mail your written comments to Jason Smith, Staff Analyst, Delaware Public Service Commission, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. Comments may also be sent electronically to Mr. Smith at psc@state.de.us. Again, all written comments must be filed or received by May 31, 2016.

You may review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's docketing and file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 15-1734. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's

offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to donna.nickerson@state.de.us. You may also review copies of Chesapeake's application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 and at 29 South State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 or (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of 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://dep.sc.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 p.sc@state.de.us.