

**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) Docket No. 24-0906
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN OTHER)
CHANGES TO ITS NATURAL GAS TARIFF)
(Filed August 12, 2024))**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

On August 12, 2024, the Delaware Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (“Chesapeake” or the “Company”) filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) an application (the “Application”) for approval: to increase its natural gas rates; to charge two new Miscellaneous Service Charges; to restructure its rate schedules; to modify its transportation program; to implement a weather normalization mechanism for residential and small commercial customers; to effect a transfer of the Company’s business to a new entity, to be called Chesapeake Utilities of Delaware, Inc.; and to make other tariff changes. In its Application, Chesapeake seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$12.1 million, or an increase of 15 percent over current revenues. The Company is also requesting to transfer \$996,660 of revenues currently recovered through its Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”) into base distribution rates.

Compared to the rates currently in effect, an average residential heating customer using 120 Ccfs during a winter month will experience an increase of \$28 per month, or 18 percent. An average residential non-heating customer using 18 Ccf per month will experience an increase of

\$8 per month, or 20 percent. For commercial and industrial customers, the requested increases vary within the existing rate classes due to a proposed restructuring of the rate schedules by consumption. However, based on average consumption from January 2023, the following ranges provide an estimate the proposed increases:

Rate Schedule	Consumption (Ccf)	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
General Service	274	\$66	21%
Medium Volume Service	1,210 – 2,329	\$158 - \$287	12%
Large Volume Service	4,994 – 242,020	\$367 - \$9,688	4% - 7%
High Load Factor Service	709 – 18,868	\$69 - \$816	5% - 9%

On September 18, 2024, in Order No. 10534, the Commission, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed changes pending further investigation, a public comment session, and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. However, in Order No. 10534 the Commission authorized Chesapeake to place \$2.5 million of its proposed increases into effect subject to refund, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §306(c), sixty (60) days after the initial August 12, 2024 filing date, or on October 11, 2024. The interim rates will increase total bills for all customers with average use by approximately 3.2 percent.

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the record evidence taken at the public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and tariff revisions and may approve a different method for allocating any increase (if it finds one to be appropriate).

You are invited to review Chesapeake’s application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to the Commission’s electronic file management system, DelaFile, located at <https://delafile.delaware.gov/> , and by searching for Docket No. 24-0906.

If you wish to participate as a party in this docket, with the right to present evidence and be heard through counsel, you must file a petition for leave to intervene pursuant to the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* as set forth in 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §1001-2.9 **on or before Friday, November 15, 2024**, via DelaFile. Petitions for leave to intervene filed after the deadline of November 15, 2024, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's office, please do so by contacting Crystal Beenick at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to Crystal.Beenick@delaware.gov.

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, <https://dep.sc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address: <https://sos.delaware.gov/foia-requests/>. 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 require to assist 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 Clishona.Marshall@delaware.gov; include "PSC Docket No. 24-0906" as the subject.