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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 22-0495-G-390P

**HOPE GAS, INC., dba
DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA**
Annual Pipeline Replacement
and Expansion Program
("PREP") Application, pursuant
to W. Va. Code § 24-2-1k

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On May 27, 2022, Hope Gas, Inc., doing business as Dominion Energy West Virginia (Hope) filed its Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) Filing with revised PREP Rates, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade, and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2023 of \$63 million as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Gathering Program (gathering facilities) under multi-year plans. The Application also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2021 calendar year PREP capital investment activity for both the General Program and the Gathering Program. The PREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, regulator stations and other plant equipment. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Hope service territories throughout the State. These projects are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Hope proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an increment within the fixed or volumetric, base rate component of its rates depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on November 1, 2022. Hope projects that if the program and rate increments are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed on November 1, 2022, as follows:

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	Hope Proposed	
	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential	\$2.61	3.66%
Commercial	\$34.80	5.36%
Large Commercial	\$119.38	1.66%
Industrial	\$531.72	4.69%
Resale	\$445.85	1.67%
Gathering (PGAS)	\$803.52	2.04%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 22, 2022, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If the Commission receives no opposition to the Application within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final Order within 150 days of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission Order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/online_comments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

HOPE GAS, INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA
1t 7/21/22 RCR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Roane County Schools is requesting an RFQ for locally sourced ground beef. The quote is for price per pound of ground beef delivered to the schools. The quote must be good for the entire 2022-2023 school year. Ground beef must be frozen and vacuumed sealed and processed at a state-inspected facility. Fat content can be no more than 80/20. Quotes are due by August 1st and can be dropped off or mailed to Roane County Schools at 813 Capitol Street, Spencer, WV 25276. Please label bids "GROUND BEEF BID"
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
ROANE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**

Judge R. Craig Tatterson
RANDALL R. "Rob" ROUSH,
Plaintiff
Civil Action 2021-P-14

Vs.
INA JEAN SMITH, Karen Roush
And Carol May, Co-Executors of
the ESTATE OF ORA RAY SMITH,
deceased, and TAYLOR FUNERAL
HOME, Inc., dba John H. Taylor
Funeral Home, a West Virginia
Corporation

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To all creditors of ORA RAY SMITH, deceased, including those holding liens by judgment or otherwise on his real estate, or any part thereof.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Roane, made in a cause therein pending, to subject the real estate of the said ORA RAY SMITH to the payment of his debts, including those which are liens on such real estate, or any part of it, you are hereby required to present your claims to the undersigned for adjudication, at Michael Hicks, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 582 Grantsville, WV 26147 on or before the 19th day of August 2022; otherwise you may by law be excluded from all benefit of such real estate.

Given under my hand this 8th day of July, 2022.

Michael A. Hicks, Esq.
Commissioner in Chancery.
2t 7/21-28/22 RCR

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Monitor wireworms before planting potatoes



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Wireworms are one of the most problematic pests in potato production. Several wireworm species attack potatoes, but the most common are the Pacific coast wireworm (*Limonius canus*), the sugarbeet wireworm (*Limonius californicus*) and the dryland wireworm (*Ctenicera pruina*). Unlike most pests, wireworms should be monitored before planting because insecticide treatments and other nonchemical methods are not feasible after planting.

Bait traps are the recommended way to monitor wireworms. Baits are placed 4 to 6 inches deep in the soil in the spring when soil temperatures are about 50 F. Bait traps can be made from carrots, packets of untreated corn and/or wheat seed, or ground whole-wheat flour, because they attract wireworms by producing CO2. The bait material should be presoaked overnight and can be placed directly in the soil, in plant pots (with holes) or porous bags. Bait trap locations should be covered with black or clear plastic bags to warm the adjacent soil.

At least four bait traps should be placed in small fields. If several acres are monitored, at least one trap per acre should be used (at least 24 bait traps for 30 acres). Using more traps will detect damaging populations. Bait traps are placed randomly except for parts

of the field with grass. These locations should be monitored separately, because wireworms may be exclusively present in these areas but not in the rest of the field. To count wireworm populations, about 10 to 14 days after setting the bait traps, collect bait and about 4 to 6 inches of the adjacent soil. Sort wireworms by hand or by floating them in a bucket with water.

The average wireworms per bait trap can be calculated by summing all wireworms in all traps divided by the number of bait traps. An average of less than two wireworms per trap indicates that treatment is not required to plant potatoes. Chemical control is recommended when an average of two to four wireworms is found per trap. If an average of more than four wireworms is found per trap, a different crop should be planted.

Soil samples also are used to monitor wireworms. Soil sampling can be ineffective because the distribution of wireworms in the field tends to be patchy and unpredictable. A 6-inch post hole

digger and a shaker/sifter can be used to collect the soil samples. Like bait traps, soil samples should be taken in spring when soil temperatures are about 50 F at the 6-inch level or in late summer at the 18-inch level. Thirty soil samples are recommended for a field of 10 acres.

Insecticide treatment is recommended when one or more wireworms are found. For 22 and 40 acres, 45 and 60 samples are recommended, respectively, and insecticide application is recommended when two or more wireworms are present.

Male adults can be monitored by using pheromone traps. This method is mainly used to determine the presence and distribution of population. Lures are available for some invasive species but not for the most problematic species in West Virginia.

Crop rotation is the most effective cultural control to keep wireworm populations at low densities. Crop rotation is the practice of planting different crops sequentially on the same plot of land.

Also, avoid planting potatoes in fields immediately following clover, grass, pasture, or weedy alfalfa, because wireworms are commonly found on these crops.

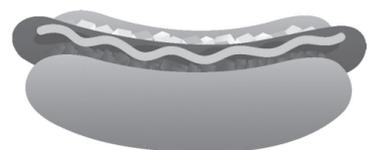
This column was submitted by Brandy Brabham, a WVU-Roane County Extension agent.

**Friends of the Roane County Libraries
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Proposed Amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot are as follows:

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.

Full Text of the Amendment:

ARTICLE IV.
§9. Impeachment of officials.
Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. When sitting as a court of impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or, if from any cause it be improper for him or her to act, then any other judge of that court, to be designated by it, shall preside; and the senators shall be on oath or affirmation, to do justice according to law and evidence. Judgment in cases of impeachment does not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under the state; but the party convicted remains liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to law. The Senate may sit during the recess of the Legislature for the trial of impeachments. No court of this state has any authority or jurisdiction, by writ or otherwise, to intercede or intervene in, or interfere with, any impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate conducted hereunder; nor is any judgment rendered by the Senate following a trial of impeachment reviewable by any court of this state.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.

Full Text of the Amendment:

ARTICLE X.
§1. Taxation and finance.
Subject to the exceptions in this section contained, taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property, both real and personal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; except that the aggregate of taxes assessed in any one year upon personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing, products of agriculture as above defined, including livestock, while owned by the producer, and money, notes, bonds, bills and accounts receivable, stocks and other similar intangible personal property shall not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of value thereon and upon all property owned, used and occupied by the owner thereof exclusively for residential purposes and upon farms occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants, one dollar; and upon all other property situated outside of municipalities, one dollar and fifty cents; and upon all other property situated within municipalities, two dollars; and the Legislature shall further provide by general law for increasing the maximum rates, authorized to be fixed, by the different levying bodies upon all classes of property, by submitting the question to the voters of the taxing units affected, but no increase shall be effective unless at least sixty percent of the qualified voters shall favor such increase, and such increase shall not continue for a longer period than three years at any one time, and shall never exceed by more than fifty percent the maximum rate herein provided and prescribed by law; and the revenue derived from this source shall be apportioned by the Legislature among the levying units of the state in proportion to the levy laid in said units upon real and other personal property; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, personal property tax on motor vehicles, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers may by law be exempted from taxation; household goods to the value of two hundred dollars shall be exempted from taxation. The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide. After the year nineteen hundred thirty-three, the rate of the state tax upon property shall not exceed one cent upon the hundred dollars valuation, except to pay the principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the state now existing.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

Full Text of Amendment:

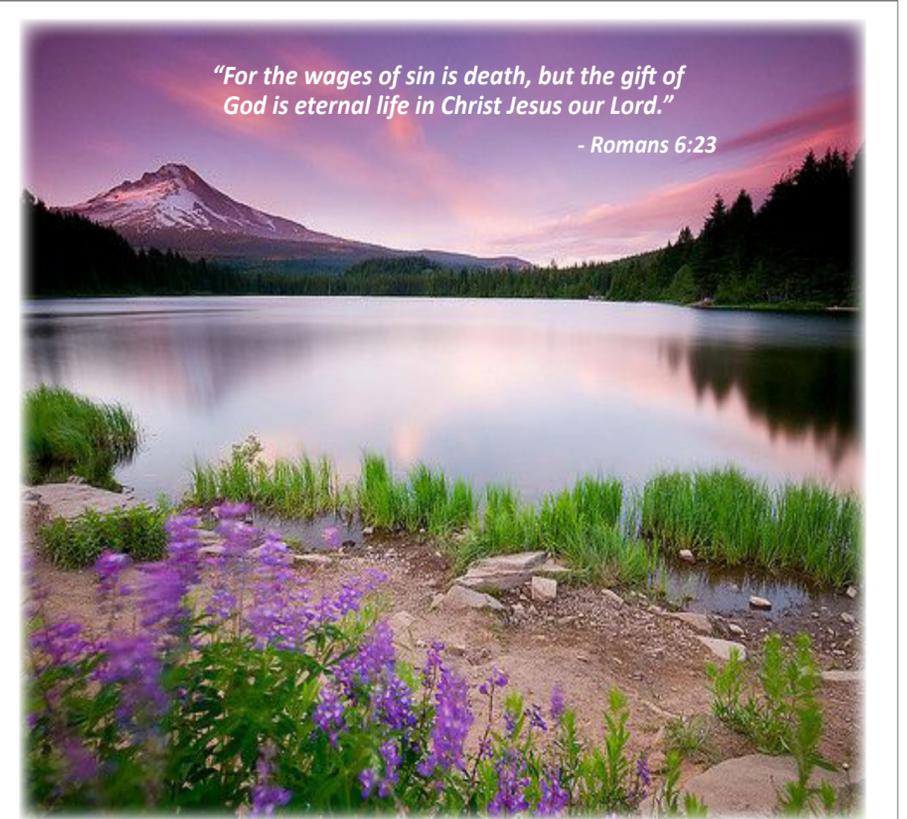
Article VI. The Legislature.
§47. Incorporation of religious denominations permitted.
Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. Provisions may also be made by general laws for the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.

Full Text of Amendment:

ARTICLE XIII. EDUCATION.
§2. Supervision of free schools.
Subject to the provisions of this section, the general supervision of the free schools of the State is vested in the West Virginia Board of Education which shall perform the duties prescribed by law. Under its supervisory duties, the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies which shall be submitted to the Legislature for its review and approval, amendment, or rejection, in whole or in part, in the manner prescribed by general law. The board shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of nine years. No more than five members of the board shall belong to the same political party, and in addition to the general qualifications otherwise required by the Constitution, the Legislature may require other specific qualifications for membership on the board. No member of the board may be removed from office by the Governor except for official misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty, or gross immorality, and then only in the manner prescribed by law for the removal by the Governor of state elective officers. The West Virginia Board of Education shall, in the manner prescribed by law, select the State Superintendent of Free Schools who shall serve at its will and pleasure. He or she shall be the chief school officer of the state and shall perform the duties prescribed by law. The State Superintendent of Free Schools shall be a member of the Board of Public Works as provided by subsection B, section fifty-one, article VI of this Constitution.



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