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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until September 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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DBE GOAL: 8 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Roane County Clerk's Office at 200 Main Street Spencer, WV 25276-1411. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Roane County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024

Estate Number:	2567
Appointment Date:	07/02/2024
Estate Name:	Richard Dale Barker
Administrator:	Clayton Barker 392 South Lewis Street Glenville WV 26351-1040
Estate Number:	2577
Appointment Date:	07/24/2024
Estate Name:	Larry Keith Berkhouse
Executrix:	Patricia Diane Berkhouse 8873 Clay Road Lefthand WV 25251-9733
Estate Number:	2569
Appointment Date:	07/10/2024
Estate Name:	Mary Kay Boggs
Administrator:	Kenneth Boggs 5781 Thorofare Road Clendenin WV 25045-9603
Estate Number:	2565
Appointment Date:	07/01/2024
Estate Name:	Alvina Faith Brabham
Administrator:	Ira J Brabham 317 Allentown Road Gay WV 25244-9623
Estate Number:	2576
Appointment Date:	07/22/2024
Estate Name:	Jennifer Sue Crowley
Administrator:	Jonathan Cook 13105 Clay Road Newton WV 25266-9527

Estate Number:	2568
Appointment Date:	07/02/2024
Estate Name:	Bonnie Jean Elmore
Administrator:	Patricia E Rose 394 Mullins Hollow Road Walton WV 25286-9674
Estate Number:	2575
Appointment Date:	07/22/2024
Estate Name:	Polly Ann Huffman
Executrix:	Carolyn I Stewart 1075 Little Fork Road Elkview WV 25071-6470
Estate Number:	2574
Appointment Date:	07/18/2024
Estate Name:	June Irene Justice
Administrator:	Herbert Justice 122 Pine Street Dunbar WV 25064-1217
Estate Number:	2566
Appointment Date:	07/01/2024
Estate Name:	Mary Catherine Sherry
Administrator:	Kevin Sherry 105 Hillcrest Street Havelock NC 28532-1922
Estate Number:	2571
Appointment Date:	07/12/2024
Estate Name:	Carole Jean Sloan
Executor:	Robert Sloan 1213 Little Lefthand Road Ammaw WV 25005-9017
Estate Number:	2578
Appointment Date:	07/24/2024
Estate Name:	Eddie Carl White
Executrix:	Connie S White 514 Reedyville Road Spencer WV 25276-8694
Estate Number:	2570
Appointment Date:	07/10/2024
Estate Name:	Robert Lee Wintz III
Executor:	Beatriz Bacsal Wintz 2534 Clay Road Spencer WV 25276-7774

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 07/25/2024

Sena M. McDonald
Clerk of the Roane County Commission
By Lynn Webb
Deputy Clerk

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 24-0496-G-390P
HOPE GAS, INC.

Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program and Application to Implement Modification to Existing PREP Gathering Program

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On May 31, 2024, Hope Gas, Inc. (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.

Additionally, pursuant to Commission Order in Case No. 23-0317-G-PC, Hope shall assess and collect a surcharge rate increment (Legacy Surcharge) on each customer that becomes a customer of Hope through Hope's acquisition of additional gas utilities (or their assets) and merged into Hope on and after January 1, 2023. The Legacy Surcharge shall be a rate equal to Hope's PREP rate for the customer's appropriate class.

In its base case PREP Filing, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2025 of \$65.5 million as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Gathering Program (gathering facilities) under multi-year plans. The PREP Filing also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2023 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 PREP Filing, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

In this annual PREP filing, Hope is also reconciling actual costs under Southern Public Service Company's (Southern) Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program as directed by the Commission in a prior order approving Hope's acquisition and merger of Southern into Hope.

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, 2024. 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, 2024, as follows.

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$6.08	6.34%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	\$18.04	5.58%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS)	\$108.45	10.39%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS)	\$152.91	1.24%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS)	\$146.35	1.70%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Sales (Rate Class LCI-D)	\$1,213.38	6.02%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Transport (Rate Class LCI-D)	\$1,161.35	5.07%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Direct Service Transport (Rate Class LCI-DS)	\$339.46	13.32%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$1,681.87	5.21%
Gathering (Rate Class PGAS)	\$1,864.52	4.90%
FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED		

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
General Service - Residential Sales	\$6.41	6.10%
General Service - Commercial Sales	\$21.49	4.80%
Commercial Transport - WV Produced	\$20.55	13.80%
Industrial Sales	\$22.66	0.65%
Industrial Transport - WV Produced	\$77.79	3.18%

FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
General Service - Residential Sales	\$4.54	7.03%
General Service - Commercial Sales	\$18.46	5.81%
Transportation - Residential Fully Distributed	\$7.57	16.12%
Transportation - Commercial	\$146.35	1.67%

FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
General Domestic - Residential Sales	\$5.13	7.36%
Commercial Service - Sales	\$12.09	6.52%

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 adopted the following procedural schedule:

EVENT	DEADLINE
Filing Date	May 31, 2024
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony	4:00 p.m., August 26, 2024
All Rebuttal Testimony	4:00 p.m., September 5, 2024
Agreed Order of Witnesses	4:00 p.m., September 10, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	September 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia

If the Commission receives no opposition to the PREP Filing 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 filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within twenty (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.

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**Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$38,675,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 25.4%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	DECREASE	DECREASE
Residential	\$ 10.85	12.24%
Commercial	\$ 50.62	14.85%
Industrial	\$ 763.20	15.12 %
Resale	\$ 1,703.30	19.86 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, and City of Philippi.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Current	Proposed
MDFQ	\$12.424	\$12.952
Storage Balancing Fee	\$0.470	\$0.483
Firm Standby Fee	\$1.751	\$1.833
Fuel Retention	3.5%	4.0%

Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF SPENCER
ROANE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice
City of Spencer (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
2022W-2293**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Municipal Building located at **116 Court Street, Spencer, WV 25276**, until **September 10, 2024 at 1:30 pm**, local time. At that time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Work:

Waterline replacement, storage tank repainting, pump replacement, electrical and telemetry work, structure modifications, sluice gate replacement, intake screens, and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Separate Bids will be received for the following Contracts:

Contract No. 1: Waterline Replacement including the furnishing and installation of approximately 2,255 l.f. of 8-inch waterline, 70 l.f. of 6-inch waterline, 80 l.f. of 4-inch waterline, 500 l.f. of 2-inch waterline and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Contract No. 2: Storage Tank Repainting including the furnishing and installation of temporary pumping facilities, repainting of nominal 250,000-gallon and nominal 500,000-gallon water storage tanks, and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Contract No. 3: Raw Water Pumping Improvements including the furnishing and installation of vertical turbine pump replacement, telemetry improvements, and necessary appurtenances at the existing Charles Fork Pump Station Water Plant (Base Bid) and modifications to the existing Jefferson St. Pump Station structure, electrical work, intake screens, sluice gates replacement and necessary appurtenances.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers
108 Court Street
Spencer, West Virginia

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:00 am to 4:00 pm**, online at McGraw-Hill Dodge Information Services, [Dodge Construction Network | Construction Projects and Bidding](#), and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each listed below. **In order to be considered a valid and responsible Bidder, the Bidder must obtain a copy of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office prior to the Bid opening date.** Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen. Bidding documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for **\$150.00**, per set.

Bidding Documents purchased as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for **\$40.00**, per set by being downloaded from a source designated by the Issuing Office.

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at:

City of Spencer	Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers
116 Court Street	108 Court Street
Spencer, WV 25276	Spencer, WV 25276

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Pre-bid Conference
 A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on August 29, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Municipal Building situated at 116 Court Street, Spencer, WV. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders
 For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. No Bid security shall be waived or returned because the Bidder failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the Bidding Documents or any applicable statutes of the United States, the State of West Virginia and/or all local ordinances.

The City of Spencer reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids. Owner further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be non-responsible. Owner may also reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to negotiate Contract terms with successful Bidder and Owner reserves the right to waive all minor informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work.

This construction of this Project will be funded in part by funds made available from the Federal Government through the US Army Corps of Engineers Section 340 program. Bidders must comply with all applicable laws and regulations for construction projects receiving Federal aid including, but not limited to, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the Davis-Bacon Act as amended.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with the Presidents Order No. 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act (Copeland Act), and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The successful Bidder must comply with the provisions and minimum rates for wages for laborers and mechanics in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act and the West Virginia Division of Labor minimum wage requirements. The successful Bidder agrees to promptly provide all information and perform all work in accordance with the West Virginia Jobs Act, §21-1C of the West Virginia Code and the West Virginia Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace Act, §21-1D of the West Virginia Code.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Other Federal Provisions insert to the Supplementary Conditions section of the Project Manual. Each Bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions as set forth in the contract documents to achieve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation during the performance of this contract. The Bidder commits itself to the program for DBE participation and all other requirements, terms, and conditions of the bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

The Bidder agrees to make "good faith efforts" to sub-contract a portion of the total value of the contract to MBE/WBE Disadvantaged businesses. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) good faith efforts as outlined in 40 CFR 31.36(e). Failure to demonstrate good faith efforts may lead to rejection of bids. For the purpose of this program, the term "subcontractor" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids.

Any Contractor submitting a Bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he has a proper, current, valid license, in accordance with the requirements of West Virginia State Code § 21-11-6 and § 21-11-11, to perform the contemplated work and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

All Bidders must also include their Contractor's license number on any Bid(s) submitted. A Subcontractor shall furnish such person's Contractor's license number to the Contractor prior to the award of the Contract as referenced to in the West Virginia State Code § 21-11-11.

All Bidders shall understand that their Bid will not be read, and rejected

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immediately, if proper Bid surety does not accompany the Bid or if the Bid is found to be incomplete or non-responsive. A determination, which may be in certain instances considered contingent upon review and opinion of legal counsel, will be made by the Owner, or his agents or representatives, prior to reading the Bid or the announcement that the Bid will not be read. It shall be understood that it is the Bidder's responsibility to provide a complete, fully responsive in all aspects, and valid Bid and valid Bid surety conforming to the requirements outlined in the Bidding Documents.

Domestic Preference
 This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901-70953. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:
 BABAA De Minimis,
 Small Grants,
 and Minor Components
 This Advertisement is issued by:
 Owner: City of Spencer
 By: Terry A. Williams
 Title: Mayor
 Date: August 8, 2024
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF WEST VIRGINIA
 CHARELSTON**

CASE NO. 24-0415-E-P
 APPALACHIAN
 POWER COMPAN-
 NY and WHEEL-
 ING POWER
 COMPANY

Petition for Review of Vegetation Management
 Program and Update of VMP Surcharge.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on April 30, 2024, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update their Vegetation Management Program (VMP) rates as required by previous Commission Orders. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to approximately 462,328 customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming.

The Companies propose to increase VMP rates by approximately \$1.2 million, an increase of 0.07% annually, effective for a period of two years. If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE/ DECREASE 50% Energy Charge plus a Fixed Monthly Charge	(%) IN- CREASE/ DECREASE 50% Ener- gy Charge Plus a Fixed Monthly Charge	(\$) IN- CREASE/ DE- CREASE 100% Energy Charge	(%) IN- CREASE/ DE- CREASE 100% Energy Charge
Residential	\$0.48	0.28%	\$(0.08)	(0.05%)
Commercial	\$(0.44)	(0.10%)	\$(0.44)	(0.10%)
Industrial	\$959.25	0.37%	\$959.25	0.37%

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Special Contract ¹	\$(415.00)	(0.08%)	\$(415.00)	(0.08%)
Other	\$(0.08)	(0.49%)	\$(0.08)	(0.49%)

The increases shown are based on 1,000 Kwh monthly usage for residential customers and the monthly average usage of all customers in the other classes. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change.

If the rate including the fixed monthly charge plus a kWh rate is approved, the residential monthly bill at various usage levels would be changed as follows:

Residential VMP Surcharge Comparison at Various Usage Levels			
Monthly kWh	Current VMP Surcharge	Companies' Proposed Sur-charges	Increase/ (Decrease)
250	\$2.78	\$6.08 + \$1.38 = \$7.46	\$4.68
500	\$5.56	\$6.08 + \$2.76 = \$8.84	\$3.28
1,000	\$11.11	\$6.08 + \$5.51 = \$11.59	\$0.48
1,086	\$12.07	\$6.08 + \$5.99 = \$12.07	-
1,500	\$16.67	\$6.08 + \$8.27 = \$14.35	(\$2.32)
1,750	\$19.44	\$6.08 + \$9.65 = \$15.73	(\$3.71)
2,000	\$22.22	\$6.08 + \$11.03 = \$17.11	(\$5.11)

The Public Service Commission will conduct a public comment hearing in this matter on September 30, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The public comment hearing will be held virtually, allowing for interested persons to make a comment telephonically, through the Microsoft Teams application from the internet, or in-person at the Commission headquarters. Interested persons intending to make a virtual public comment should register with the Commission by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Registration may be made by any of the following methods:

- (1) Through the Microsoft Teams meeting link located on the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> under the "PSC Hot Topics" section located at the top of the homepage;
- (2) By calling 304-340-0836 (Karen Hall) or 304-340-0820 (Andrew Gallagher); or
- (3) By emailing khall@psc.state.wv.us or agallagher@psc.state.wv.us.

The link for the Microsoft Teams meeting will also be in a future press release from the Commission. Interested persons wishing to comment in-person at the public comment hearing should attend and sign up to speak at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Service Commission, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

As an alternative to speaking at the public comment hearing virtually or in person, individuals or entities interested in providing written comments regarding this case should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked with Case No. 24-0415-E-P.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m. on October 1, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the public comment or evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause. Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by August 1, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Petitions to intervene should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY

¹ Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.
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