

THE APPLICATION OF EASTON  
UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS  
RATES AND CHARGES FOR  
ELECTRIC SERVICE AND GAS  
SERVICE

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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 9719  
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Issued: February 29, 2024

**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE’S NOTICE  
OF EVENING HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On January 24, 2024, Easton Utilities Commission (“Easton or the “Company”) filed Applications<sup>1</sup> with the Public Service Commission of Maryland (“Commission”) for authority to increase its base distribution rates for electric service by approximately \$4.4 million per year, and by \$520,000 per year for gas service with an effective date of February 23, 2024 for its proposed rates and charges. On January 29, 2024, the Commission suspended the proposed rates and charges for an initial period of 180 days from February 23, 2024, and delegated the proceedings to the Public Utility Law Division.

An evening hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments in connection with Easton’s Applications are hereby scheduled as follows:

**April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Easton Town Hall  
14 S. Harrison Street  
Easton, MD 21601

The hearing will begin with a presentation by Easton. Please direct any questions about the public hearing to [psc.pulj@gmail.com](mailto:psc.pulj@gmail.com).

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<sup>1</sup> The Application and other pleadings in this matter may be viewed or downloaded from the Commission’s website by accessing Case No. 9719 at [www.psc.md.us](http://www.psc.md.us).

Written comments on the Application may be submitted electronically or by first-class mail **on or before May 10, 2024**. Comments submitted electronically must be submitted through the Commission's Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission's website at [www.psc.state.md.us](http://www.psc.state.md.us). Instructions for logging into the Public Comment Dropbox are located under the "Tools" section of the Commission's website under the "Make a Public Comment" tab, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/>. Commenters utilizing the Public Comment Dropbox are required to complete a one-time registration. All comments must include a reference to **Case No. 9719**. If submitted by first-class mail, comments must be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Only one copy is required.

The Company is directed to publish, as a display advertisement in newspapers of general circulation throughout its service territory, a notice of the evening hearing for public comments, including the case caption, case number, the time, date, and place of the hearings, the purpose of the hearings, and the date by which written public comments may be filed, at least twice, in successive weeks, **prior to April 23, 2024**. The Company shall file certificates of publication with the Commission on or before the date of the evening hearing. Easton also is directed to place on its home page a notice of the evening hearing for public comments in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location, and purpose of the hearings. Additionally, the Company shall post on at least two routinely used social media platforms, such as Facebook or X (f/k/a Twitter), and use any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the date, time, and location of the evening hearing, and the date by which written public comments may be filed.

Finally, the Company is directed to prominently post on the day of the evening hearing for public comments scheduled for this proceeding, no later than 4:00 p.m. (EST), an informational sign at or near each public entrance of the building in which the public hearing will be held. Each sign shall be at least 17 by 22 inches in size and state the time, room number, and subject of the public hearing. The font size of the lettering shall be greater than 48 point size and as large as the sign allows. The Applicant shall submit an affidavit certifying that the necessary properly sized information sign(s) were posted as directed, including the time the signs were posted and a photograph of the informational sign near or at the public entrance of the building, which shall be filed with the Commission within two business days after the public hearing date.

/s/ Christine L. Burke  
Christine L. Burke  
Public Utility Law Judge  
Public Service Commission of Maryland

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

February 29, 2024

The application of Easton Utilities Commission \*  
for authority to increase its rates and charges \*  
for electric service and gas service \*

Case No. 9719

To All Parties of Record:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Utility Law Judge's Notice of Evening Hearing for Public Comments issued today in the above-entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Leatrice Williams*

Leatrice Williams  
Administrative Aide

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Enclosure