

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND AND EXTEND ITS SAVE PLAN PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-604 AND TO IMPLEMENT A 2026 SAVE RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ITS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS **CASE NO. PUR-2025-00099**

On August 12, 2025, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or the "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), known as the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan (SAVE) Act, for: (i) authorization to increase its currently authorized 2026 SAVE spend cap; (ii) approval to amend and extend its SAVE Plan for two calendar years, calendar years 2027 and 2028 (Phase 6 SAVE Plan); and (iii) approval to implement a SAVE Rider for calendar year 2026, inclusive of costs associated with the Company's Advanced Leak Detection and Repair Program ("Advanced LDAR Program"). Pursuant to Code § 56-604 B, the Commission must issue an order approving or denying the proposed 2026 SAVE Rider adjustment within 120 days of the filing of a complete application.

CVA represents that its SAVE Plan is a program designed to accelerate the replacement of certain components of its gas distribution system infrastructure to enhance system safety and reliability. The Company states that in Case No. PUR-2023-00119, the Commission approved the amendment and extension of the Company's Phase 5 SAVE Plan for three additional years. CVA represents that its SAVE Rider is billed as a fixed charge each month and is designed to recover "eligible infrastructure replacement costs" as defined in Code § 56-603.

In this proceeding, CVA requests authorization to increase the currently authorized 2026 SAVE spend cap from \$73 million to \$87.1 million. CVA states that the Company is projecting to spend \$87.1 million on SAVE-eligible projects during calendar year 2026, which exceeds the currently authorized \$73.0 million plus 10% cost cap. Additionally, CVA is requesting authority to exceed this investment amount by 10% for a maximum 2026 SAVE spend of \$95.8 million.

The Company also proposes to amend and extend its SAVE Plan for an additional two years through 2028. CVA states that the Company's projected spend includes \$187.1 million in 2027 and \$127.7 million in 2028, for a total authorization of \$314.8 million for Phase 6 SAVE-eligible projects, with the ability to exceed the investment by 10% on an annual basis and 10% on a cumulative basis. CVA represents that if approved, the total Phase 6 maximum spend would be \$346.3 million. Additionally, the Company requests authorization to spend up to \$2.0 million in 2027 and \$0.6 million in 2028 associated with CVA's Advanced LDAR Program, with authorization to exceed this investment by 10% on an annual basis and 10% on a cumulative basis, for a Phase 6 maximum spend of \$2.9 million.

The Company states that the proposed 2026 SAVE Rider comprises two components, a Projected Factor and a True Up Factor. CVA states that it is requesting a True Up Factor revenue requirement of (\$9,177) and a Projected Factor revenue requirement of \$15,382,334, for a total 2026 SAVE Rider revenue requirement of \$15,373,156. According to the Company, the 2026 SAVE Rider rate calculations are based on an \$87.1 million projected SAVE-eligible capital program for 2026 and \$1.9 million in projected 2026 costs associated with the Company's Advanced LDAR Program. The Company proposes to use the same methodology to allocate the SAVE Plan cost of service as was approved in Case No. PUR-2024-00103. The Company states that the proposed 2026 SAVE Rider will increase the annual bill for an average residential customer using 61.2 dekatherms per year by \$19.56, a 1.5% increase when compared to the rates in effect on June 30, 2025.

Additional details are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting exhibits.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), the Commission has directed that service on parties and Commission Staff ("Staff") in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Application may be viewed on the Commission's website or obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Victoria L. Howell, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836, or victoriahowell@nsource.com.

On or before October 15, 2025, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00099.

On or before October 15, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00099. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment.

On or before October 15, 2025, any interested person may request that the Commission convene a hearing in this matter by filing a request for hearing electronically via scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR 2025-00099.

A copy of any notices of participation and requests for hearing shall be sent electronically to counsel for the Company, Staff, and any other respondents.

The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.